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5983	0	Cisneros, Gilbert	MLP	Additional reporting requirements for duty status consolidation RAND report to include implementation barriers and cost savings or burden to the Department of Veterans Affairs	EB 2
5986	1	Cisneros, Gilbert	MLP	Requires DoD to increase awareness of mental health assistance and resources for servicemembers and standardize training for leadership	EB 2
5994	2	Cisneros, Gilbert	MLP	Restriction of funds for DeCA's supplier transformation initiative until the FY26 NDAA DRL is received	EB 2
6013	1	Kelly, Trent	MLP	Requires a briefing on Department efforts to support military spouse retirement planning and preserve savings during PCS-related employment disruptions.	EB 2
6014	1	Crow, Jason	MLP	Clarify that the transfer of Air National Guard personnel performing space missions to the U.S. Space Force was pursuant to a limited, one-time transfer authority.	EB 2
6023	0	Kelly, Trent	MLP	Directs DoD to establish an enterprise-wide demonstration program to modernize Revenue Cycle Management across military treatment facilities.	EB 2
6035	0	Wittman, Robert	MLP	Requires a briefing on the Department's issuance of implementation of measures to ensure supply chain resilience for active pharmaceutical ingredients.	EB 2
6058	0	Tokuda, Jill N.	MLP	Require DoD to develop and implement a plan to increase procurement of local produce, seafood, and meat for dining facilities and commissary stores in the Indo-Pacific and provide an implementation plan.	EB 2
6072	0	Keating, William R.	MLP	Directs the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services by February 1, 2027, including an assessment of opportunities to expand research on endometrial cancer within the Congressionally Directed Medical Research	EB 2
6089	0	Houlahan, Chrissy	MLP	Report on Expanding Externships and Veteran Opportunities in Emerging Technologies	EB 2
6090	0	Ryan, Patrick	MLP	Requires notification to HASC and SASC when members of the Armed Forces are seriously wounded in combat and hospitalized.	EB 2
6103	0	Gooden, Lance	MLP	Blocks additional state and local au pair rules for military families.	EB 2
6109	1	Kiggans, Jennifer A.	MLP	Directs DoD to on military pilot shortages, aviation recruitment pipelines, and youth aviation programs. Requires assessments of training bottlenecks, underserved communities, and modernization efforts to expand pilot production and readiness.	EB 2

LOG ID	REV	MEMBER	MARKUP LOC	DESCRIPTION	MARKUP ACT
6111	1	Messmer, Mark B.	MLP	Allows National Guard Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation (RDT&E) Activities to be reimbursed	EB 2
6119	0	Bacon, Don	MLP	Establish a Medal of Honor Liaison, appointed by the Secretary of Defense, who shall serve as liaison to MOH recipients.	EB 2
6125	0	Vindman, Eugene Simon	MLP	Directs DoD to establish and promote a program that authorizes international students to gain educational and military experience through Senior Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) program educational institutions	EB 2
6129	2	Bacon, Don	MLP	Requires a report on medical response plans related to exposure to chemical, biological, and radiological weapons	EB 2
6130	1	Fallon, Pat	MLP	Would amend section 503(c)(1)(A) of title 10, United States Code, to strengthen military recruiter access to secondary schools.	EB 2
6133	2	Bacon, Don	MLP	Requires a report regarding TBI-specific research	EB 2
6153	1	Messmer, Mark B.	MLP	Allow TRICARE beneficiaries to access physical therapy services without a prior referral.	EB 2
6156	1	Messmer, Mark B.	MLP	The Gaining A Meaningful Experience from Service (GAMES) Act expands eligibility for veterans participating in the Warrior and Invictus Games	EB 2
6168	1	Fallon, Pat	MLP	Requires a briefing on the ambient AI clinical documentation pilot at Military Treatment Facilities in 2025 and the feasibility of expanding the technology across the Military Health System	EB 2
6172	1	Bacon, Don	MLP	Report on Restoration of Rank for General John D. Lavelle	EB 2
6182	1	Fallon, Pat	MLP	Requires a briefing on Army policies governing commercial solicitation during Basic Combat Training and One Station Unit Training and recommendations for clarifying the prohibition for trainee-initiated merchandise.	EB 2
6185	0	Khanna, Ro	MLP	Would require the Secretary of Defense to establish a policy requiring a medical chaperone be made available during any sensitive medical examination conducted at a military medical treatment facility.	EB 2
6188	1	Fallon, Pat	MLP	Require a report on the feasibility and advisability of a reduced-royalty or fee-waiver mechanism for small businesses producing military-branded merchandise sold exclusively through military exchanges.	EB 2

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6218	1	Kiggans, Jennifer A.	MLP	Increases and indexes to inflation the death gratuity for Gold Star Spouses.	EB 2
6219	3	Kiggans, Jennifer A.	MLP	Requires a report on the feasibility and advisability of improving referral accountability and coordinated service delivery within Military OneSource.	EB 2
6221	0	Scott, Austin	MLP	Requires the Government Accountability Office to conduct a study on Reserve Component dental readiness and the adequacy of current TRICARE dental benefits.	EB 2
6234	2	Kiggans, Jennifer A.	MLP	Requires a report on the feasibility and advisability of placing unaccompanied dependents of active duty servicemembers traveling on ordinary leave in a higher Space-A priority category than retired personnel.	EB 2
6235	0	Kiggans, Jennifer A.	MLP	Study whether hiring part-time nurses in the Military Health System could ease staffing shortages, improve appointment access, reduce contract labor reliance, and expand opportunities for military spouses and qualified clinicians.	EB 2
6239	0	Bell, Wesley	MLP	Direct GAO to review how the military services have implemented involuntary separations for non-disciplinary reasons from 2021–2026, with a focus on consistency, transparency, costs, and impacts on service members and force readiness.	EB 2
6242	2	Bell, Wesley	MLP	Directs DoD to evaluate stronger domestic sourcing requirements for pharmaceuticals and active pharmaceutical ingredients to reduce supply chain risk and strengthen military medical readiness.	EB 2
6252	0	Kiggans, Jennifer A.	MLP	Directs the DoD to review whether funded environmental and morale leave should be available after 12 months, instead of 24 months, for servicemembers and families assigned to remote or isolated locations.	EB 2
6256	0	Crow, Jason	MLP	Closes a loophole allowing retired military officers to work for a foreign government without review if it is on behalf of a private entity.	EB 2
6263	0	Ryan, Patrick	MLP	Directs SECDEF to develop a plan for a Civilian Cybersecurity Reserve pilot program and provide the report/brief congressional defense committees before initiating the pilot.	EB 2
6273	1	Scott, Austin	MLP	Directs DoD to brief Congress on options to expand Ukrainian student participation at United States Service Academies.	EB 2
6275	1	Scott, Austin	MLP	Requires DOD to assess opportunities for combat-experienced Ukrainian military officers to serve as instructors, fellows, or visiting faculty at U.S. war colleges.	EB 2
6281	0	Bacon, Don	MLP	The intent of the legislation is to provide a time waiver for the ability to posthumously award the Medal of Honor to Major Robert A Lodge.	EB 2

LOG ID	REV	MEMBER	MARKUP LOC	DESCRIPTION	MARKUP ACT
6293	0	Khanna, Ro	MLP	Directs the Secretary of Defense to conduct a comprehensive assessment of the prevalence of ultra-processed foods, artificial dyes, preservatives, and other synthetic additives in food available to servicemembers and their families.	EB 2
6296	2	Khanna, Ro	MLP	Modifies the traumatic brain injury oversight strategy and action plan of the Department of Defense.	EB 2
6304	0	Whitesides, George	MLP	Report on any and all complaints received by the Inspector General during Operation Epic Fury related to insider trading on prediction and energy market trades.	EB 2
6305	0	Whitesides, George	MLP	Require a report on the feasibility and advisability of modifying regulations to allow graduates of U.S. certificated civilian test pilot schools to support military test activities as test pilots and flight test engineers.	EB 2
6316	1	Sorensen, Eric	MLP	Requires a briefing on the status of the Air National Guard units converting to Contingency Response Group (CRG) units	EB 2
6318	0	Courtney, Joe	MLP	Would direct the U.S. Comptroller General to provide a report on U.S. servicemember access to Federal student loan cancellation programs.	EB 2
6319	1	Sorensen, Eric	MLP	Requires a briefing on the impact of the Army Command Matching Program.	EB 2
6350	1	Moylan, Jim	MLP	Amending DOD STEM program authority to allow for scholarships to cover relevant career and technical education programs	EB 2
6351	1	Hamadeh, Abraham J.	MLP	Directs DoD to assess how it can better support secure and timely voting for deployed servicemembers while examining how eligibility rules, residence verification, ballot-tracking technologies, and election timelines affect UOCAVA voting access and integrity.	EB 2
6356	1	Vindman, Eugene Simon	MLP	Report on Navy Ombudsman Program and Support to Military Families	EB 2
6373	0	Kiggans, Jennifer A.	MLP	Requires the director of DODEA to report on the implementation of school security systems	EB 2

Amendment to H.R. 8800

Offered by: Mr. Cisneros

In the portion of the report to accompany H.R. 8800 titled “Department of Defense Review of RAND Duty Status Consolidation Report”, insert the following after Secretary of Defense, the following new text: “in coordination with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs” and insert below briefing requirements, the following new text: “(5) any barriers to implementation in coordination with the Department of Veterans Affairs” and; (6) estimated cost savings or cost burden to the Department of Veterans Affairs.”

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

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

1 **SEC. 7 ____ . STRATEGIC PLAN TO ADDRESS MENTAL HEALTH**
2 **OF CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE ARMED**
3 **FORCES.**

4 (a) PLAN.—The Secretary of Defense, in coordina-
5 tion with each Secretary of a military department and the
6 Director of the Defense Health Agency, shall develop a
7 strategic plan to address suicide by members of the cov-
8 ered Armed Forces and the mental health services pro-
9 vided to such members.

10 (b) ELEMENTS.—The plan under subsection (a) shall
11 include the following:

12 (1) Developing and enforcing uniform protocols
13 with respect to—

14 (A) the regulations prescribed for the self-
15 initiated referral process under section 1090b(e)
16 of title 10, United States Code, for members of
17 the covered Armed Forces seeking mental
18 health evaluations;

1 (B) the provision of information, including
2 through workplace posters, flyers, and adver-
3 tisements, to ensure members are aware of such
4 referral process.

5 (2) Standardized mental health training for
6 members of the covered Armed Forces, including—

7 (A) specialized training for commanders,
8 senior enlisted leaders, and medical personnel
9 on identifying and addressing mental health
10 concerns;

11 (B) the development of a certification proc-
12 ess based on completion of training with docu-
13 mented proof of compliance;

14 (C) how to respond when a member initi-
15 ates the referral process under section 1090b(e)
16 of title 10, United States Code; and

17 (D) how to recognize signs indicating men-
18 tal health distress.

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



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

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

1 **SEC. 6 ____ . LIMITATION ON IMPLEMENTATION OF SUPPLY**
2 **CHAIN TRANSFORMATION INITIATIVE OF THE**
3 **DEFENSE COMMISSARY AGENCY.**

4 No funds authorized to be appropriated or otherwise
5 made available to the Department of Defense for fiscal
6 year 2027 may be obligated or expended to implement,
7 award contracts in furtherance of, or change commissary
8 supply chain operations pursuant to the two-wholesaler
9 national supply model of the Supply Chain Trans-
10 formation Initiative of the Defense Commissary Agency
11 until 180 days after the day when the Secretary of De-
12 fense submits to the congressional defense committees the
13 report regarding the Defense Commissary Agency re-
14 quired by the conference report accompanying the Na-
15 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026
16 (Public Law 119–60).



Amendment to H.R. 8800

Offered by: Mr. Kelly

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

Support for Military Spouse Retirement Financial Stability

The committee is concerned that military spouses face recurring disruptions to their careers and financial planning due to the frequency of permanent change of station moves. These disruptions may contribute to inconsistent participation in employer-sponsored retirement plans and, in some cases, the premature withdrawal or cashing out of retirement savings, undermining long-term financial security.

The committee notes that, unlike servicemembers who benefit from structured retirement systems and financial education, military spouses may lack access to consistent, portable retirement planning resources. The committee further recognizes that improving financial literacy and access to retirement planning tools for military spouses is critical to enhancing overall family readiness, resilience, and long-term economic stability.

The committee directs the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretaries of the military departments, to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services not later than March 1, 2027, on actions the Department is taking, or plans to take, to support military spouse retirement planning and financial stability. The briefing should include:

(1) an assessment of the extent to which military spouses cash out or otherwise fail to preserve retirement savings during permanent change of station-related employment transitions;

(2) a description of existing Department of Defense programs, resources, and partnerships available to assist military spouses with retirement planning, including financial counseling, portability of retirement accounts, and participation in tax-advantaged savings vehicles;

(3) an evaluation of gaps in access to retirement planning tools and financial education for military spouses, particularly those experiencing frequent relocations or employment interruptions;

(4) options to expand access to portable, low-cost retirement savings mechanisms and targeted financial literacy resources tailored to military spouses;

(5) recommendations to improve coordination with private sector employers, financial institutions, and nonprofit organizations to enhance continuity of retirement savings for military spouses; and

(6) any legislative or administrative actions the Department considers necessary to ensure military spouses are equipped to make informed, long-term retirement decisions.

The committee encourages the Department to prioritize the development of accessible, consistent, and portable financial resources that account for the unique challenges faced by military spouses and promote long-term financial security.

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

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

1 **SEC. 5 ____ . LIMITATION ON THE TRANSFER TO THE SPACE**
2 **FORCE OF CERTAIN FUNCTIONS OF THE AIR**
3 **NATIONAL GUARD.**

4 Section 514 of the National Defense Authorization
5 Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159; 10 U.S.C.
6 20001 note) is amended—

7 (1) by redesignating subsection (k) as sub-
8 section (l); and

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

11 “(k) **RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.**—Nothing in this
12 section shall be construed to—

13 “(1) authorize the transfer of a member of the
14 Air National Guard of the United States more than
15 once under subsection (e); or

16 “(2) establish a waiver of the applicability of
17 any provision of section 104 of title 32, United

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- 1 States Code, or of section 18238 of title 10, United
- 2 States Code.”.



Amendment to H.R. 8800

Offered by: Mr. Kelly

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

Enterprise-wide Revenue Cycle Management Phased-In Modernization

The Committee is concerned that fragmented Revenue Cycle Management (RCM) processes across military treatment facilities contribute to inconsistent documentation, coding variability, delayed billing, denied claims, and reduced revenue recovery within the Military Health System.

The Committee recognizes the importance of modernizing and standardizing RCM functions across the Defense Health Agency, including improving interoperability with MHS GENESIS and leveraging automation technologies, including robotic process automation, ambient documentation integration, insurance verification, and automated claims processing, to improve efficiency, consistency, and accountability.

Therefore, the Committee directs the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs 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 ongoing and planned efforts to modernize Revenue Cycle Management processes across the Military Health System, including efforts to standardize documentation, coding, billing, claims submission, collections, and denial management practices..

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:

Strengthening Industrial Preparedness Through Domestic Manufacturing of Active
Pharmaceutical Ingredients

The committee is concerned by the inaction of the Department of Defense to strengthen and secure the supply chains for pharmaceutical materials for the Department, based on findings from the report required by section 860(a) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117-263). Furthermore, the committee remains concerned by the Department's reliance on foreign suppliers for critical advanced pharmaceutical ingredients (API), 27% of which are considered very high risk due to the country of origin, despite the issuance of Department of Defense Instruction 4140.01, "Department of Defense Supply Chain Material Management Policy."

A 2021 Department of Defense Inspector General report (Report No. DODIG-2021-126) evaluated the Department's mitigation of foreign suppliers in the pharmaceutical supply chain in accordance with Instruction 4140.01. The Inspector General report concluded that the Department did not mitigate the risks of disruptions to its pharmaceutical supply chain, did not have implementing guidance on supply chain risk management for Department material, and that the Department's reliance on foreign suppliers for pharmaceuticals is a public health, readiness, and national security risk.

The committee is aware that there is an ongoing pilot program to develop and manufacture critical countermeasures such as Atropine and Midazolam. The committee encourages the Department to continue to develop the pilot program and onshore a catalog of critical medical countermeasures.

Therefore, the committee directs the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services, not later than December 1, 2026, on the Department's issuance and implementation of

guidance pursuant to section 860 of Public Law 117-263. Specifically, the briefing shall include:

- (1) supply chain information gaps for pharmaceutical materials, including APIs;
- (2) APIs identified by supply chain analysis for which the United States is dependent on foreign adversaries, including the People's Republic of China;
- (3) status of the working group established by section 860(b)(2) of Public Law 117-263;
- (4) an assessment of critical, scarce pharmaceutical resources and policies to address shortages of those resources; and
- (5) Department efforts to leverage previous investment by other federal stakeholders, including the Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response, in domestic reshoring and manufacturing infrastructure to build capacity in medical countermeasures for chemical weapons and other essential medicines for the warfighter.

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

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

1 **SEC. 8 ____ . PROCUREMENT OF LOCAL PRODUCE, SEAFOOD,**
2 **AND MEAT IN THE AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY**
3 **OF THE UNITED STATES INDO-PACIFIC COM-**
4 **MAND.**

5 (a) PROCUREMENT FOR CERTAIN FACILITIES IN THE
6 INDO-PACIFIC REGION.—Not later than one year after the
7 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
8 shall develop and implement a plan to be carried out by
9 the Defense Commissary Agency and the Defense Logis-
10 tics Agency to increase procurement of local produce, sea-
11 food, and meat for a dining facility or commissary store
12 located on a military installation or onboard a naval vessel
13 located in the area of responsibility of the United States
14 Indo-Pacific Command. Such plan will include a require-
15 ment, to the extent practicable, to procure local produce
16 for commissary stores located in such area of responsi-
17 bility.

18 (b) PROHIBITION ON PROCUREMENT OF FOREIGN
19 PRODUCE OR MEAT.—Section 4862(g)(2)(A) of title 10,

1 United States Code, is amended by inserting “, produce,
2 or meat” after “seafood”.

3 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
4 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
5 shall submit to the congressional defense committees a re-
6 port that include the following:

7 (1) The plan required under subsection (a), in-
8 cluding ways in which the plan would—

9 (A) support partner or allied nations that
10 are experiencing economic coercion from China;
11 and

12 (B) provide fresher food in dining facilities
13 or commissary stores described in such sub-
14 section.

15 (2) The percentage of local produce, seafood,
16 and meat available, and projected percentage after
17 two years of implementing such plan—

18 (A) in each commissary store located on a
19 military installation located in the area of re-
20 sponsibility of the United States Indo-Pacific
21 Command;

22 (B) in each dining facility located on a
23 military installation located in the area of re-
24 sponsibility of the United States Indo-Pacific
25 Command; and

1 (C) onboard a naval vessel located in the
2 area of responsibility of the United States Indo-
3 Pacific Command.

4 (d) LOCAL DEFINED.—In this section, the term
5 “local” means, with respect to produce, seafood, or meat,
6 that such produce, seafood, or meat is sourced from a
7 partner or allied nation or a State or territory of the
8 United States located in the area of responsibility of the
9 United States Indo-Pacific Command.



Amendment to H.R. 8800

Offered by: Mr. Keating

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

Endometrial Cancer Research Assessment

The committee recognizes the growing burden of endometrial cancer, the most common gynecologic cancer in the United States and one of the few cancers with increasing incidence and mortality rates, particularly among younger women and Black and Hispanic women. With more than 240,000 women on active duty, one million female military spouses, and approximately two million additional women receiving care through the Defense Health Agency, the burden of endometrial cancer on the agency is also increasing. The committee is concerned by the lack of early detection tools and targeted treatment options which limit the ability to identify the disease earlier and contribute to the need for additional evaluation. For example, abnormal uterine bleeding, which may be a sign of endometrial cancer, often requires further evaluation, which can delay deployment. Although advances in precision medicine have improved our understanding of endometrial cancer, additional research is needed to improve risk stratification, identify novel therapeutic targets, and support earlier diagnosis.

The committee further recognizes the relevance of endometrial cancer to military readiness and the health of servicemembers, military families, retirees, and veterans. Delayed diagnosis and inadequate access to effective treatment for endometrial cancer can have significant impacts on quality of life, force readiness, and long-term health outcomes. Therefore, the committee directs the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services by February 1, 2027, including an assessment of opportunities to expand research on endometrial cancer within the Congressionally Directed Medical Research Program, as well as current investments, research gaps, and options for establishing a focused research effort on endometrial cancer.

Amendment to H.R. 8800

Offered by: Ms. Houlahan

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

Briefing on Expanding Externships and Emerging Technology Opportunities for Federal Scientists and Veterans

The Committee recognizes that maintaining the United States' technological leadership requires both a strong defense innovation workforce and effective pathways for transitioning servicemembers to enter emerging technology industries. The Committee further recognizes that federal scientists and program managers are best positioned to serve the American people when they better understand how the private sector operates within the broader innovation ecosystem, and that separating servicemembers should have greater access to training and career opportunities in critical emerging technology fields.

Accordingly, the Committee directs the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering, in coordination with the heads of the military service laboratories and the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, to submit a report to the House and Senate Armed Services Committees no later than March 1, 2027 on opportunities to expand private sector engagement, workforce development, and transition pathways in biotechnology and other emerging technology sectors. The report shall include:

- 1) Current mechanisms for detailees, externships, and fellowships that could be utilized by federal scientists and program managers;
- 2) Identification of potential academic, industry, and philanthropic partners that could host federal employees to provide greater understanding of how their work fits within the broader innovation ecosystem;
- 3) Considerations for making private sector externships or similar experiences a requirement for certain senior leadership positions within the defense research enterprise;
- 4) Current mechanisms for private sector partners to co-fund externships, fellowships, or related opportunities to minimize costs to the Department of Defense;
- 5) An assessment of opportunities to expand training, education, and workforce pathways in biotechnology and other emerging technology fields for separating servicemembers;

6) A feasibility assessment of establishing an Emerging Technologies Program to support graduate, trade, or vocational training for members of the Armed Forces transitioning from active duty service; and

7) n assessment of how the Department leverages existing programs, including the SkillBridge Program and Transition Assistance Program, to provide separating servicemembers with greater awareness of, access to, and pathways into careers in emerging technology industries.

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

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

1 **SEC. 7___ . REQUIREMENT TO NOTIFY COMMITTEES ON**
2 **ARMED SERVICES OF HOSPITALIZATION OF**
3 **COMBAT WOUNDED MEMBERS OF THE**
4 **ARMED FORCES.**

5 Section 1074l of title 10, United States Code, is
6 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
7 section:

8 “(d) OTHER NOTIFICATIONS.—(1) The Secretary
9 concerned shall notify the Committees on Armed Services
10 of the House of Representatives and the Senate of the oc-
11 currence of a hospitalization of a member of the armed
12 forces who is—

13 “(A) seriously or very seriously wounded in ac-
14 tion resulting from the conduct of combat oper-
15 ations; and

16 “(B) evacuated from a theater of combat and
17 admitted to any military medical treatment facility
18 or civilian medical treatment facility, regardless of
19 location.

- 1 “(2) The notifications under paragraph (1)—
- 2 “(A) may be made on an aggregate basis; and
- 3 “(B) may not include personally identifying in-
- 4 formation of the hospitalized members.”.



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

In subsection (b) of section 589 of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021, as proposed to be inserted by paragraph (3) of section 572 of the bill, strike “The Secretary shall” and insert “(1) The Secretary shall”.

In subsection (b) of section 589 of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021, as proposed to be inserted by paragraph (3) of section 572 of the bill, add at the end the following new paragraph:

1 “(2) No State or local government may enact or en-
2 force a law, regulation, rule, or requirement related to
3 such Au Pair program that would impose an additional
4 or different term or condition on a military family that
5 is the host family for an au pair.”.



Amendment to H.R. 8800

Offered by: Mrs. KIGGANS OF VIRGINIA

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

Military Pilot Shortage and Aviation Pipeline Development

The committee recognizes that the United States faces a persistent and growing military pilot shortage across the Armed Forces that threatens long-term readiness and national security. The committee finds that early exposure to aviation, beginning at the secondary education level through existing Department of Defense youth programs, represents a high-return and underutilized opportunity to inspire the next generation of military aviators. The committee further finds that current Department of Defense programs engaging high school students, including Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps units with aviation pathways, require updated assessment, expanded resources, and stronger coordination to maximize their impact on the military aviation talent pipeline.

The committee directs the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretaries of the military departments, to submit a report to the congressional defense committees not later than March 1, 2027, on the current and projected military pilot shortage across the Armed Forces. The report should include the following:

- (1) an assessment of the current military pilot shortage by military service, including projected shortfalls over the next 5 years and 10 years;
- (2) an identification of the primary factors driving pilot shortfalls across the pilot development pipeline, including recruitment, undergraduate pilot training, advanced qualification, and operational assignment;
- (3) a review of existing Department of Defense programs that engage secondary school students in aviation, including Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps aviation curriculum programs, Civil Air Patrol partnerships, and Department-sponsored aviation academies;

- (4) an assessment of the geographic reach, enrollment levels, capacity limitations, and demonstrated effectiveness of such programs in generating military aviation accessions;
- (5) an identification of gaps in current secondary-level aviation engagement programs, with particular attention to underserved, rural, and economically disadvantaged communities; and
- (6) recommendations for expanding and modernizing such programs, including estimated resource requirements, proposed program metrics, and any legislative authorities required to implement such expansion.

The committee further directs the Secretary of the Air Force, in coordination with the Secretaries of the other military departments, to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services not later than March 1, 2027, on efforts to leverage and expand existing pilot training innovation programs to accelerate pilot production, improve training throughput, and reduce time-to-winging across the Armed Forces. The briefing should include the following:

- (1) an assessment of the effectiveness of the T-6 Vmax program and other advanced pilot training technologies;
- (2) a description of current and planned efforts to improve capacity across undergraduate pilot training, advanced qualification courses, and fleet replacement training;
- (3) an identification of major constraints affecting pilot training throughput across the military services; and
- (4) estimated costs associated with implementing proposed pilot training modernization and expansion efforts.

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800
OFFERED BY MR. MESSMER OF INDIANA

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

1 **SEC. 2 ____ . REIMBURSEMENT OF NATIONAL GUARD FOR RE-**
2 **SEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUA-**
3 **TION EXPENSES.**

4 (a) AVAILABILITY.—Amounts authorized to be appro-
5 priated after the date of the enactment of this Act for
6 the Department of Defense for research, development,
7 test, and evaluation shall be available for reimbursement
8 of pay, allowances, and other expenses which would other-
9 wise be incurred against appropriations for the reserve
10 components of the Armed Forces, including the National
11 Guard, in cases in which members of the such reserve
12 components provide support to research, development,
13 test, and evaluation projects in which their involvement
14 furthers the project because of a member's or unit's avail-
15 ability, qualifications, experience, or education.

16 (b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
17 tion shall be construed—

18 (1) to authorize a deviation from established
19 personnel and training procedures of the reserve

1 components of the Armed Forces, including the Na-
2 tional Guard; or

3 (2) to authorize the direct engagement of mem-
4 bers or units of such components to conduct inde-
5 pendent research, development, test, and evaluation
6 projects.



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

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

1 **SEC. 5 ____ . MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENTS: ACCESS TO ANY**
2 **MILITARY INSTALLATION; LIAISON.**

3 (a) ACCESS.—Section 1134a of title 10, United
4 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

6 “(e) ACCESS.—A person whose name is entered on
7 the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard Medal of
8 Honor Roll shall be issued a common access card (or successor identification) that grants such person unaccompanied access to any military installation and the Pentagon.”.

12 (b) LIAISON.—Chapter 57 of title 10, United States
13 Code, is amended by inserting after section 1134a the following new section:

15 **“§ 1134b. Medal of honor liaison**

16 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is in the Department
17 of Defense a Medal of Honor Liaison, appointed by the
18 Secretary of Defense, who shall serve as liaison to MOH
19 recipients.

1 “(b) DUTIES.—The duties of the Medal of Honor Li-
2 aison include the following:

3 “(1) To serve as a primary point of contact in
4 the Department for MOH recipients and their fami-
5 lies.

6 “(2) To coordinate efforts within the Depart-
7 ment, across the armed forces, and with the Sec-
8 retary of Veterans Affairs and other Federal entities
9 regarding MOH recipients.

10 “(3) To coordinate replacement of military
11 decorations under section 1135 of this title for MOH
12 recipients.

13 “(4) To standardize protocol regarding MOH
14 recipients across the armed forces.

15 “(5) To perform public affairs outreach regard-
16 ing MOH recipients.

17 “(6) To make recommendations to the Sec-
18 retary of Defense regarding service on active duty by
19 MOH recipients, including in combat.

20 “(c) MOH RECIPIENT DEFINED.—In this section,
21 the term ‘MOH recipient’ means a person whose name is
22 entered on the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard
23 Medal of Honor Roll under section 1134a of this title.”.



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

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

1 **SEC. 5 ____ . ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM TO PROMOTE**
2 **PARTICIPATION OF FOREIGN STUDENTS IN**
3 **THE SENIOR RESERVE OFFICERS' TRAINING**
4 **CORPS.**

5 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than January 1,
7 2028, the Secretary of Defense shall establish a pro-
8 gram using the authority provided under section
9 2103(b) of title 10, United States Code, to promote
10 the participation of foreign students in the Senior
11 Reserve Officers' Training Corps (in this section re-
12 ferred to as the “Program”).

13 (2) ORGANIZATION.—The Secretary of Defense,
14 in consultation with the Director of the Defense Se-
15 curity Cooperation Agency, the Secretaries of the
16 military departments, the commanders of the com-
17 batant commands, the participant institutions in the
18 Senior Reserve Officers' Training Corps program,
19 and any other individual the Secretary of Defense

1 considers appropriate, shall be responsible for, and
2 shall oversee, the Program.

3 (b) OBJECTIVE.—The objective of the Program is to
4 promote the readiness and interoperability of the United
5 States Armed Forces and the military forces of partner
6 countries by providing a high-quality, cost effective mili-
7 tary-based educational experience for foreign students in
8 furtherance of the military-to-military program objectives
9 of the Department of Defense and to enhance the edu-
10 cational experience and preparation of future United
11 States military leaders through increased, extended inter-
12 action with highly qualified potential foreign military lead-
13 ers.

14 (c) ACTIVITIES.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—Under the Program, the
16 Secretary of Defense shall—

17 (A) identify to the military services' Senior
18 Reserve Officers' Training Corps program the
19 foreign students who, based on criteria estab-
20 lished by the Secretary, the Secretary rec-
21ommends be considered for admission under the
22 Program;

23 (B) coordinate with partner countries to
24 evaluate interest in and promote awareness of
25 the Program;

1 (C) establish a mechanism for tracking an
2 alumni network of foreign students who partici-
3 pate in the Program; and

4 (D) to the extent practicable, work with
5 the participant institutions in the Senior Re-
6 serve Officers' Training Corps program and
7 partner countries to identify academic institu-
8 tions and programs that—

9 (i) have specialized academic pro-
10 grams in areas of study of interest to par-
11 ticipating countries; or

12 (ii) have high participation from or
13 significant diaspora populations from par-
14 ticipating countries.

15 (d) STRATEGY.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than September
17 30, 2027, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to
18 the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate and
19 the Committee on Armed Services of the House of
20 Representatives a strategy for the implementation of
21 the Program.

22 (2) ELEMENTS.—The strategy required by
23 paragraph (1) shall include the following elements:

24 (A) A governance structure for the Pro-
25 gram, including—

1 (i) the officials tasked to oversee the
2 Program;

3 (ii) the format of the governing body
4 of the Program;

5 (iii) the functions and duties of such
6 governing body with respect to establishing
7 and maintaining the Program; and

8 (iv) mechanisms for coordinating with
9 partner countries whose students are se-
10 lected to participate in the Program.

11 (B) A list of additional authorities, appro-
12 priations, or other congressional support nec-
13 essary to ensure the success of the Program.

14 (C) A description of targeted partner coun-
15 tries and participant institutions in the Senior
16 Reserve Officers' Training Corps for the first
17 three fiscal years of the Program, including a
18 rationale for selecting such initial partners.

19 (D) A description of opportunities and po-
20 tential timelines for future Program expansion,
21 as appropriate.

22 (E) A description of the mechanism for
23 tracking the alumni network of participants of
24 the Program.

1 (F) Any other information the Secretary of
2 Defense considers appropriate.

3 (e) REPORT.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than September
5 20, 2028, and annually thereafter, the Secretary of
6 Defense shall submit to the congressional defense
7 committees (as that term is defined in section 101
8 of title 10, United States Code) a report on the Pro-
9 gram.

10 (2) ELEMENTS.—Each report required by para-
11 graph (1) shall include the following elements:

12 (A) A narrative summary of activities con-
13 ducted as part of the Program during the pre-
14 ceding fiscal year.

15 (B) An overview of participant Senior Re-
16 serve Officers' Training Corps programs, indi-
17 viduals, and countries, to include a description
18 of the areas of study entered into by the stu-
19 dents participating in the Program.

20 (C) A description of opportunities and po-
21 tential timelines for future Program expansion,
22 as appropriate.

23 (D) Any other information the Secretary of
24 Defense considers appropriate.

1 (f) LIMITATION ON AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of
2 Defense may not use the authority provided under this
3 section to pay for tuition or room and board for foreign
4 students who participate in the Program.

5 (g) TERMINATION.—The Program shall terminate on
6 December 31, 2032.



Amendment to H.R. 8800

Offered by: Mr. Bacon of Nebraska

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

All-Hazards Military Medical Response

The committee is aware of the Department's policy for emergency management related to medical emergencies caused by blast, burn and/or penetrating injuries. However, given the current and more complex "All Hazards" threat environment in both CONUS and OCONUS scenarios, the committee believes that the Department's medical response plans related to exposure to chemical, biological and radiological weapons, potentially in addition to more traditional injuries, should be reviewed and updated. Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a report to the Senate committee on Armed Services and the House Committee on Armed Services not later than December 31, 2027, including the following:

- (1) a description of current capabilities to detect, treat, and safely transport patients with injuries related to chemical, biological and radiological exposure, both in isolation and when combined with blast, burn and penetrating injuries;
- (2) an assessment of gaps in current capabilities to detect, treat, and safely transport patients with injuries related to chemical, biological and radiological exposure, both in isolation and when combined with blast, burn and penetrating injuries; and
- (3) a summary of policy, technology, manpower and other resource requirements needed to resolve these capability gaps.

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

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

1 **SEC. 5 ____ . RECRUITMENT: IMPROVEMENTS RELATING TO**
2 **SECONDARY SCHOOLS.**

3 Section 503(c)(1)(A) of title 10, United States Code,
4 is amended—

5 (1) in clause (ii), by striking “; and” and in-
6 serting a semicolon;

7 (2) in clause (iii)—

8 (A) by inserting “academic grades, sexes,”
9 after “student names,”; and

10 (B) by striking the period at the end and
11 inserting “; and”; and

12 (3) by adding at the end the following new
13 clause:

14 “(iv) in addition to the requirement under
15 clause (ii), shall, upon the request of a military re-
16 cruiter for the purpose described in clause (i), pro-
17 vide at least four visits to each secondary school
18 across each academic year, between classes, when
19 students are physically present, and in a manner

1 that does not interfere with class attendance and,
2 after reasonable notice, in meeting spaces (including
3 auditoriums), at athletic functions, and at other
4 group or social activities.”.



Amendment to H.R. 8800

Offered by: Mr. Bacon of Nebraska

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

Blast Overpressure Exposure and Traumatic Brain Injury

The committee is concerned about the potential for servicemembers to sustain traumatic brain injury (TBI) in the line of duty, including from blast overpressure exposure, and notes that TBI is separate and distinct from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and other mental health conditions. TBI is linked to increased risk of suicide among servicemembers and veterans, but currently, there are no diagnostic tools that can accurately diagnose TBI and no Food and Drug Administration approved treatments. The committee encourages the Director of the Defense Health Agency to prioritize TBI-specific research. Therefore, the committee directs the Director of the Defense Health Agency to provide a report to the Senate Committee on Armed Services and the House Committee on Armed Services not later than March 15, 2027, that includes:

- (1) current and future initiatives for TBI-specific research, including TBIs from blast overpressure exposure;
- (2) any progress to date on identifying promising diagnostic tools or treatments for TBI;
- (3) any steps the Department has taken or plans to take to reduce the risk of suicide among servicemembers with TBI; and
- (4) the research roadmap for TBI over the next five years.

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800
OFFERED BY MR. MESSMER OF INDIANA

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

1 **SEC. 7___ . WAIVER OF REFERRAL REQUIREMENT UNDER**
2 **TRICARE PRIME FOR CERTAIN PHYSICAL**
3 **THERAPY.**

4 Section 1095f(a)(2) of title 10, United States Code,
5 is amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
6 paragraph:

7 “(C) In addition to the requirements under subpara-
8 graph (B), the Secretary shall waive the referral require-
9 ment in paragraph (1) in the case of a member of the
10 armed forces serving on active duty who seeks to obtain
11 an appointment for physical therapy provided by a li-
12 censed provider under TRICARE Prime if the provider
13 is located in a State in which the law of that State does
14 not require a referral for that specific appointment.”.



AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800
OFFERED BY MR. MESSMER OF INDIANA

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

1 **SEC. 5 ____ . EXPANSION OF ELIGIBILITY OF VETERANS FOR**
2 **CERTAIN MILITARY ADAPTIVE SPORTS PRO-**
3 **GRAM.**

4 Section 2564a of title 10, United States Code, is
5 amended, in subsection (a)(1)(B), in the matter preceding
6 clause (i), by striking “, during the one-year period fol-
7 lowing the veteran’s date of separation,”.



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:

Ambient Artificial Intelligence Clinical Documentation in The Military Health System

The committee is aware that the Defense Health Agency (DHA) completed a six-week pilot program in late 2025 evaluating ambient artificial intelligence (AI) clinical documentation technology at four Military Treatment Facilities (MTFs). The committee understands that ambient AI listening technology can accurately document and synthesize relevant patient information and clinician-patient conversations, reducing administrative burden on providers and enabling clinicians to focus on direct patient care. The committee is encouraged by early indicators from installations such as Madigan Army Medical Center and the McChord Clinic on Joint Base Lewis-McChord, and notes the potential for this technology to reduce errors in medical records and improve the quality and safety of care delivered to servicemembers and their families.

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 31, 2027, on the results and future applicability of the ambient AI clinical documentation pilot program. The briefing should include:

- (1) an assessment of the results of the ambient AI clinical documentation pilot program conducted at MTFs in late 2025, including clinician feedback, documentation accuracy, and impacts on administrative workload and patient care quality; and
- (2) an analysis of the feasibility of expanding ambient AI clinical documentation technology across additional MTFs within the Military Health System, including recommended implementation pathways, estimated costs, and potential barriers to enterprise-wide adoption.

Amendment to H.R. 8800

Offered by: Mr. Bacon of Nebraska

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

Restoration of Rank for General John D. Lavelle

The committee is aware that recently declassified records of conversations between President Richard Nixon and the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs Henry Kissinger during the Vietnam War have called into question the decision to remove General Lavelle from command of Seventh Air Force in 1972 and demote him to the grade of Major General in retirement. The committee understands that these recently declassified records show unequivocally that General Lavelle did not conduct unauthorized air strikes against North Vietnam, nor did he order or condone the falsification of post-strike mission reports as was previously alleged. The committee is aware that President Barack Obama endorsed a previous Air Force Board for Correction of Military Records (BCMR) request to restore General Lavelle's rank in 2010. The committee is also aware that a subsequent Air Force BCMR recommendation to restore General Lavelle's rank was endorsed in 2017 by then Secretary of the Air Force Heather Wilson and then Air Force Chief of Staff General David Goldfein. However, for reasons unclear to the committee, this recommendation has not yet been acted on by the Office of the Secretary of Defense. Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense to report to the committee by February 1, 2027, regarding the recommendation and restoration actions of General Lavelle's retired rank based on recently declassified records and the most recent BCMR recommendation.

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:

Clarification of Commercial Solicitation Restrictions During Basic Combat Training

The committee is aware that the Army has applied the commercial solicitation restrictions of Army Regulation 210-7 and 32 C.F.R. § 552.60(d) in a manner that may prevent trainees in Basic Combat Training (BCT) and One Station Unit Training (OSUT) from obtaining cycle-commemorative merchandise, that the trainees have organized and arranged. The committee is concerned this may prevent Soldiers from exercising their own initiative to produce merchandise commemorating their service and unit identity.

Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of the Army to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services not later than March 1, 2027, on current Army policies governing commercial solicitation during BCT and OSUT and the implementation of such policies. The briefing should include the following:

- (1) the current interpretation and application of Army Regulation 210-7 and 32 C.F.R. § 552.60(d) with respect to cycle-commemorative and unit-branded merchandise transactions initiated by trainees or their families during BCT and the first half of the OSUT cycle;
- (2) an assessment of whether the current interpretation of the commercial solicitation prohibition is consistent with the original intent of such restrictions and any unintended effects on trainee morale, unit identity, and recruiting; and
- (3) any recommendations based on the findings of this briefing. for any clarifications to implementing guidance that would distinguish between predatory outside commercial solicitation and merchandise transactions organized at the initiative of trainees or their families.

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

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

1 **SEC. 7___ . REQUIREMENT TO OFFER MEDICAL CHAP-**
2 **ERONES DURING SENSITIVE MEDICAL EXAMI-**
3 **NATIONS.**

4 The Secretary of Defense shall establish and imple-
5 ment a policy throughout the Department of Defense to
6 require that a medical chaperone be offered and available
7 to be present with a patient during any sensitive medical
8 examination, as determined by the Secretary, conducted
9 at a military medical treatment facility.



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:

Military Service Trademark Royalty Waiver Feasibility Study

The committee is aware that small businesses partnering with military exchanges to produce branded merchandise, are subject to trademark royalty payments to the Military Departments under the general licensing authority of section 2260 of title 10, United States Code. The committee has questions about whether the current royalty structure may impose costs that are prohibitive for small businesses operating in this space, with downstream effects on the affordability and accessibility of military-branded merchandise for servicemembers and their families.

Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretaries of the military departments, to submit a report to the Senate Committee on Armed Services and the House Committee on Armed Services not later than March 31, 2027, regarding the feasibility and advisability of establishing a reduced-royalty or fee-waiver mechanism for small businesses that produce military-branded merchandise sold exclusively through military exchanges. The report shall include the following:

- (1) an assessment of the current royalty fee structures applicable to small businesses licensing military trademarks under section 2260 of title 10, United States Code, including the range of fees charged, the basis for fee determinations, and an estimate on the price increase caused by the royalty fee structure on the typical small business's wares (expressed in both monetary value and a percentage);
- (2) an analysis of the feasibility of a reduced-fee or waiver category for small businesses, as defined under the Small Business Act (section 632 of title 15, United States Code), whose licensed products are sold exclusively through military exchanges;
- (3) an evaluation of the potential impact of such a mechanism on royalty revenue currently flowing to Morale, Welfare, and Recreation programs, and options for offsetting any revenue reduction;
- (4) an assessment of the potential recruiting and community engagement benefits associated with increased civilian access to affordable military-branded merchandise; and

(5) any legislative or regulatory changes necessary to implement such a mechanism.

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

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

1 **SEC. 6 ___. INCREASE IN AND COST-OF-LIVING ADJUST-**
2 **MENT OF DEATH GRATUITY.**

3 (a) INCREASE IN DEATH GRATUITY.—

4 (1) INCREASE.—Section 1478(a) of title 10,
5 United States Code, is amended by striking
6 “\$100,000” and inserting “\$165,000”.

7 (2) APPLICABILITY.—The amendment made by
8 paragraph (1) shall apply with respect to deaths oc-
9 ccurring on or after the date of the enactment of this
10 Act.

11 (b) COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT OF DEATH GRA-
12 TUITY.—

13 (1) ADJUSTMENT.—Section 1478 of title 10,
14 United States Code, as amended by subsection (a) of
15 this section, is further amended by inserting after
16 subsection (b) the following new subsection:

17 “(c) ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT TO DEATH GRATUITY.—

18 (1) On January 1 of each year, the amount of the death
19 gratuity payable under subsection (a) shall be increased

1 by the percentage (if any) by which the Consumer Price
2 Index for All Urban Consumers, published by the Bureau
3 of Labor Statistics, during the preceding calendar year ex-
4 ceeds such Consumer Price Index for the calendar year
5 before such preceding calendar year, rounded to the near-
6 est \$100.

7 “(2) The Secretary of Defense shall annually
8 publish the amount of the death gratuity payable
9 under subsection (a), as adjusted by paragraph (1),
10 in the Federal Register.”.

11 (2) APPLICABILITY.—The amendment made by
12 paragraph (1) shall apply beginning on January 1,
13 2027.



Amendment to H.R. 8800

Offered by: MRS. KIGGANS OF VIRGINIA

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

Military OneSource Referral Accountability and Coordination Feasibility

The committee recognizes the important role Military OneSource plays in connecting servicemembers and their families with information, counseling, referrals, and other support services. However, the committee is concerned that Military OneSource may not consistently confirm whether servicemembers and families are successfully connected to services after a referral is made, which may limit visibility into unmet needs, barriers to access, and the effectiveness of referrals.

The committee notes that certain public, private, and nonprofit networks use coordinated service delivery, referral management, and closed-loop referral models to help ensure individuals are connected to the services for which they are referred. The committee believes the Department should assess whether similar capabilities, or partnerships with existing networks, could improve accountability, reduce duplication, and strengthen support for military families.

Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a report to the House and Senate Committee on Armed Services not later than March 1, 2027, on the feasibility and advisability of improving referral accountability and coordinated service delivery within Military OneSource.

The report shall include:

1. A description of Military OneSource's current referral process, including whether and how the Department tracks referrals after they are made;
2. An assessment of whether Military OneSource has the ability to determine if servicemembers or family members successfully access services following a referral;
3. An evaluation of gaps, limitations, or inconsistencies in current referral follow-through, including barriers related to privacy, data sharing, provider capacity, geography, or technology;
4. An assessment of the feasibility and advisability of adopting a closed-loop referral or coordinated service delivery model within Military OneSource;
5. A review of existing public, private, and nonprofit service coordination networks and whether such networks could be leveraged to improve referral follow-through and reduce duplication;
6. An assessment of potential performance measures for referral accountability, including reasonable timelines for initial engagement, follow-up, and documentation of unmet needs;
7. An evaluation of the potential benefits, costs, risks, and administrative burden associated with implementing a technology-enabled referral coordination capability; and

8. Any recommendations for legislative or administrative action needed to improve referral accountability, coordination, and visibility into unmet needs among servicemembers and their families.

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

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

1 **SEC. 7 ____ . GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE STUDY**
2 **ON RESERVE COMPONENT DENTAL READI-**
3 **NESS AND BENEFIT SUFFICIENCY.**

4 (a) **STUDY.**—The Comptroller General of the United
5 States shall conduct a study on the sufficiency of the De-
6 partment of Defense Reserve Component dental program
7 in supporting the medical readiness and deployability of
8 members of the reserve components.

9 (b) **ELEMENTS.**—The study under subsection (a)
10 shall include, at a minimum, the following:

11 (1) An assessment of the extent to which cur-
12 rent annual benefit caps, including the \$1,500 cov-
13 erage limit under the TRICARE Dental Program,
14 contribute to dental nondeployability among mem-
15 bers of the reserve components.

16 (2) An evaluation of the relationship between
17 out-of-pocket dental costs and delays in obtaining
18 necessary dental care required for deployment readi-
19 ness.

1 (3) An analysis of the extent to which dental
2 readiness requirements impose a financial burden on
3 members of the reserve components, including
4 whether such requirements function as an unfunded
5 mandate on individual members.

6 (4) A review of the findings of section 707 of
7 the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authoriza-
8 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117–263;
9 136 Stat. 2652) and an assessment of remaining
10 gaps in data regarding dental readiness and benefit
11 sufficiency.

12 (5) An identification and evaluation of targeted,
13 cost-effective policy options to improve dental readi-
14 ness among members of the reserve components, in-
15 cluding—

16 (A) adjustments to annual benefit caps;

17 (B) coverage of readiness-related dental
18 procedures not currently included under exist-
19 ing plans;

20 (C) alternative models for delivering dental
21 care to reservists; and

22 (D) any other mechanisms the Comptroller
23 General determines appropriate to reduce cost-
24 related barriers to deployability.

1 (6) An assessment of the potential effects of
2 such policy options on—

3 (A) overall force readiness and
4 deployability;

5 (B) recruitment and retention within the
6 reserve components; and

7 (C) cost to the Department of Defense.

8 (c) BRIEFING.—Not later than 180 days after the
9 date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General
10 shall provide to the congressional defense committees a
11 briefing on the preliminary observations and emerging
12 findings of the study under subsection (a).



Amendment to H.R. 8800
Offered by: Mrs. KIGGANS OF VIRGINA

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

Space-Available Travel Priority for Unaccompanied Dependents

The committee recognizes the importance of Space-Available travel to military families assigned to remote, overseas, and operationally isolated locations. The committee notes that unaccompanied dependents traveling on ordinary leave may face significant uncertainty when seeking transportation to or from an overseas duty location, particularly when commercial options are limited, costly, or unavailable.

The committee is concerned that military dependents attempting to travel without their sponsor may, in certain circumstances, receive lower Space-Available travel priority than retired personnel, even when the dependent is traveling to maintain family stability, address geographic isolation, or support the morale and welfare of an active duty servicemember assigned overseas. The committee believes the Department should assess whether the current Space-Available priority structure appropriately accounts for the operational and family readiness needs of active duty households, particularly at remote or hardship locations.

The committee directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services not later than December 1, 2026, on the feasibility and advisability of placing unaccompanied dependents of active duty servicemembers traveling on ordinary leave in a higher Space-Available travel priority category than retired personnel. The briefing should include the following:

- (1) an assessment of the current Space-Available travel categories applicable to unaccompanied dependents of active duty servicemembers and retired personnel;
- (2) an assessment of the operational, readiness, family stability, and quality of life effects of the current priority structure for families assigned to remote, overseas, or operationally isolated locations;
- (3) an analysis of the feasibility of creating or modifying a Space-Available travel category to provide higher priority to unaccompanied dependents of active duty servicemembers traveling on ordinary leave to or from an overseas duty location;
- (4) an assessment of any operational, aircraft capacity, cost, legal, or administrative impacts associated with such a change; and
- (5) any recommended policy or legislative changes necessary to better align Space-Available travel priority with active duty family readiness needs.

Amendment to H.R. 8800
Offered by: Mrs. KIGGANS OF VIRGINIA

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

Feasibility of Hiring Part-Time Nurses in the Military Health System

The committee recognizes the ongoing challenges the Military Health System faces in recruiting and retaining qualified nurses across military treatment facilities. Persistent nursing shortages, increasing demand for care, and competition with civilian health systems may limit access to timely care for servicemembers, retirees, and military families.

The committee is interested in whether expanded use of part-time nursing positions could help improve staffing flexibility, increase access to care, and better retain experienced nurses who are unable or unwilling to serve in full-time roles. Part-time positions may also provide opportunities to attract military spouses, recently retired nurses, nurses with caregiving responsibilities, and other qualified professionals who could support military treatment facilities if more flexible employment models were available.

Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Director of the Defense Health Agency and the Secretaries of the military departments, to submit a report to the Committees on Armed Services of the House of Representatives and the Senate not later than March 1, 2027, on the feasibility of hiring part-time nurses within the Military Health System.

The report shall include:

1. An assessment of current statutory, regulatory, policy, administrative, and budgetary barriers to hiring part-time nurses in military treatment facilities;
2. An analysis of whether part-time nursing positions could help address staffing shortages, improve appointment availability, reduce reliance on contract labor, or increase continuity of care;
3. A review of existing part-time, intermittent, flexible, or alternative nursing employment models used by the Department of Defense, the Department of Veterans Affairs, or comparable federal health systems;
4. An assessment of the potential benefits and limitations of hiring part-time nurses, including impacts on credentialing, scheduling, supervision, patient safety, benefits eligibility, and workforce management;

5. An evaluation of whether part-time nursing roles could expand employment opportunities for military spouses and other qualified individuals in communities surrounding military treatment facilities;
6. Identification of military treatment facilities or medical specialties where part-time nursing positions may be most feasible or beneficial; and
7. Any recommendations for legislative or administrative action needed to support a pilot program or broader implementation of part-time nursing positions within the Military Health System.

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

Offered by: Mr. Bell

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

**Comptroller General Review of DOD's Use of Involuntary
Separations**

According to the Department of Defense (DOD), military service readiness is preserved by maintaining high standards of performance, conduct, and discipline. The department makes a significant investment in individuals to ensure their commitment to the U.S. military and strives to provide service members with training and leadership to enable them to meet required standards. Through these standards, the military services aim to evaluate the suitability of individuals to honorably serve and, when leveraged appropriately, they can strengthen the importance of one's commitment to military service. However, the military services can initiate an involuntary separation, or the discharge or release of a service member from active duty, in cases where an individual does not adhere to established standards or after those standards are changed.

While the committee recognizes the importance of ensuring a service member meets established standards as a basis for continued military service, the committee is concerned about the implementation of involuntary separations across the military services for non-disciplinary issues. Therefore, the committee directs the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct an assessment of involuntary separations for non-disciplinary issues across the services between 2021 through 2026. The assessment shall include:

- (1) the criteria the military services use to oversee and implement involuntary separations, in particular following accession and/or retention policy changes;
- (2) data on the tracking of, the reasons for, and the disposition of involuntary separations and the use of waivers in cases where a service member may not meet required standards;
- (3) the extent to which discharge characterizations, narrative reasons for separation, separation program designator codes, and reentry codes were applied consistently within and across the military services for comparable non-disciplinary issues;
- (4) the standards, policies, guidance, and training promulgated to the military departments and each military service governing the issuance of such characterizations, reasons, and codes, including how the Department ensured comparable non-disciplinary cases are treated consistently;
- (5) the extent to which outcomes may have varied by personnel category, military occupational specialty, rating, separation authority, and available demographic or service-related factors;
- (6) the impact of involuntary separations on retention, including among high-demand or low-density specialties;
- (7) costs associated with involuntary separations;
- (8) the extent to which servicemembers were informed of the meaning and potential consequences of discharge characterizations, narrative reasons for separation, separation program designator codes, and reentry codes before separation is finalized, including the mechanisms through which such information is provided;

- (9) options, if any, to improve consistency, transparency, and accountability, across the Services, including potential changes to policy, guidance, training, or oversight processes; and
- (10) any other matters the Comptroller General deems appropriate.

The committee further directs the Comptroller General to brief the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives no later than April 16, 2027, with the results of the review to follow in a mutually agreed upon format and timeframe.

Amendment to H.R. 8800

National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2027

Offered by: Mr. Bell

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

Domestic Sourcing of Pharmaceuticals and Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients

The committee recognizes that pharmaceuticals procured for members of the Armed Forces are essential to military readiness and the national security of the United States. The committee remains concerned that the Department of Defense lacks sufficient domestic preference mechanisms to ensure that pharmaceuticals procured for servicemembers are manufactured in the United States or its territories. The committee notes that existing domestic sourcing frameworks may permit finished pharmaceutical products to qualify as domestic even when their APIs are sourced from foreign suppliers, creating vulnerabilities within the defense medical supply chain and increasing reliance on overseas manufacturing for products critical to force health protection and operational readiness.

The committee encourages the Department to examine options to strengthen domestic sourcing requirements for pharmaceuticals procured by the Department of Defense, including consideration of a modified component test under which a pharmaceutical product would qualify as a domestic end product only if both the finished product and the API incorporated into that product are manufactured in the United States or its territories. The committee further encourages the Department to evaluate application of a reasonableness-of-cost determination consistent with Federal Acquisition Regulation section 25.106 as part of such a framework.

Therefore, the committee directs the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment to submit a report to the congressional defense committees not later than March 1, 2027, on the feasibility and implementation of strengthened domestic sourcing requirements for pharmaceuticals procured by the Department of Defense. The report shall include:

- (1) an assessment of the extent to which active pharmaceutical ingredients incorporated into pharmaceuticals procured for members of the Armed Forces are currently manufactured outside the United States or its territories;
- (2) an evaluation of the national security and military readiness risks associated with reliance on foreign-manufactured active pharmaceutical ingredients for pharmaceuticals critical to force health protection;
- (3) an analysis of the operational, industrial base, and cost impacts of applying a modified component test and reasonableness-of-cost determination consistent with section 25.106 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation to Department pharmaceutical procurement; and
- (4) a plan for implementing a strengthened domestic preference framework for pharmaceuticals, including any statutory, regulatory, or policy changes required to carry out such implementation.

Amendment to H.R. 8800**Offered by: Mrs. KIGGANS OF VIRGINIA**

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

Funded Environmental and Morale Leave Eligibility

The committee recognizes that funded environmental and morale leave is an important quality of life and readiness tool for servicemembers and families assigned to remote, isolated, or environmentally challenging locations. The committee notes that the current eligibility framework generally requires assignment at an authorized funded environmental and morale leave location for 24 or more consecutive months.

The committee is concerned that a 24-month eligibility threshold may not adequately account for servicemembers and families assigned to 12-month tours at remote or isolated locations where access to affordable, reliable, or regularly available transportation is limited. The committee believes the Department should assess whether expanding funded environmental and morale leave eligibility to include certain 12-month assignments would better support family stability, morale, retention, and readiness at hardship locations.

The committee directs the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness to submit a report to the congressional defense committees not later than March 1, 2027, on the feasibility and advisability of expanding funded environmental and morale leave eligibility from assignments of 24 or more consecutive months to assignments of 12 or more consecutive months at authorized funded environmental and morale leave locations. The report should include the following:

- (1) an assessment of the current funded environmental and morale leave eligibility framework, including the rationale for the 24-month assignment threshold;
- (2) an identification of locations where servicemembers and command-sponsored dependents assigned for 12-month tours may experience transportation constraints, geographic isolation, environmental hardship, or elevated quality of life challenges;
- (3) an estimate of the cost of expanding funded environmental and morale leave eligibility to servicemembers and eligible dependents assigned to authorized locations for 12 or more consecutive months;
- (4) an assessment of the potential effects of such an expansion on morale, family stability, retention, and readiness;
- (5) an assessment of any aircraft capacity, commercial transportation, administrative, or implementation challenges associated with such an expansion; and
- (6) any recommended policy or legislative changes necessary to authorize or implement expanded eligibility for funded environmental and morale leave.

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

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

1 **SEC. 6 ____ . RESERVES AND RETIRED MEMBERS: ACCEPT-**
2 **ANCE OF EMPLOYMENT, PAYMENTS, AND**
3 **AWARDS FROM FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS**
4 **THROUGH PRIVATE ENTITIES.**

5 Section 908(a) of title 37, United States Code, is
6 amended—

7 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (1), (2), and
8 (3) as subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C), respectively,
9 and adjusting the margins accordingly;

10 (2) by inserting “(1)” before “Subject to”; and

11 (3) by adding at the end the following new
12 paragraph:

13 “(2)(A) The Secretary of the military department
14 concerned shall apply the provisions of this section to the
15 acceptance, by a person described in subparagraph (B)
16 who is under the jurisdiction of such Secretary, of employ-
17 ment (and compensation related to that employment) or
18 payments or awards indirectly from a foreign government
19 through a private entity to the same extent and in the

1 same manner as such provisions apply to employment (and
2 compensation related to that employment) and payments
3 and awards described in paragraph (1).

4 “(B) A person described in this subparagraph is—

5 “(i) a retired member of the Army, Navy, Ma-
6 rine Corps, Air Force, or Space Force; or

7 “(ii) a member—

8 “(I) of a reserve component of an armed
9 force specified in subelause (i); and

10 “(II) who is not serving on active duty
11 under a call or order to active duty for a period
12 in excess of 30 days.”.



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

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

1 **SEC. 15 ____ . CIVILIAN CYBERSECURITY RESERVE CORPS**
2 **PILOT PROGRAM.**

3 (a) PROGRAM REQUIRED.—The Secretary of Defense
4 shall carry out a pilot program to further evaluate the fea-
5 sibility and advisability of creating and maintaining a civil-
6 ian cybersecurity reserve corps to enable the Department
7 of Defense and military services to provide qualified civil-
8 ian manpower to the Department of Defense to effectively
9 respond to significant cyber incidents or to assist in solv-
10 ing other exceptionally difficult cyber workforce-related
11 challenges.

12 (b) CONSIDERATION OF PRIOR REPORT.—In con-
13 ducting the pilot program required by subsection (a), the
14 Secretary shall take into consideration the findings and
15 recommendations of the report required by section 1540
16 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization
17 Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117–263; 136 Stat.
18 2914) (titled “Independent Assessment of Civilian Cyber-

1 security Reserve for Department of Defense” and dated
2 October 2025).

3 (c) PLANNING.—

4 (1) PLAN.—Prior to carrying out the pilot pro-
5 gram required by subsection (a), the Secretary shall
6 create a detailed written plan for the program, which
7 shall include—

8 (A) a concept of operations for the civilian
9 cybersecurity reserve corps;

10 (B) an assessment of the necessary legal
11 and contractual requirements;

12 (C) recruitment, assessment, and selection
13 criteria and methodologies;

14 (D) talent management processes and sys-
15 tem prototypes;

16 (E) defining the initial mission set and or-
17 ganization structure of the civilian cybersecurity
18 reserve corps;

19 (F) metrics with respect to cost and bene-
20 fits that will be used to inform the Secretary’s
21 evaluation of the pilot program; and

22 (G) any other matters that the Secretary
23 considers appropriate.

24 (2) REPORT AND BRIEFING.—Not later than
25 the date that is six months after the date of the en-

1 actment of this Act, the Secretary shall provide the
2 congressional defense committees with a report and
3 briefing on the plan created under paragraph (1).

4 The Secretary shall not carry out the pilot program
5 until after the Secretary has provided the report and
6 briefing.

7 (d) SCOPE.—In carrying out the pilot program, the
8 Secretary shall establish an initial cohort of not more than
9 20 members of the civilian cybersecurity reserve corps.



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:

Participation of Ukrainian Students in United States Service Academies

The committee recognizes that the United States Service Academies play a critical role in developing future military leaders and strengthening long-term security partnerships with allied and partner nations. The committee further recognizes that Ukraine's armed forces have demonstrated exceptional resilience, innovation, and battlefield effectiveness in defense of their sovereignty.

Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services not later than March 1, 2027, on opportunities to expand participation by qualified Ukrainian students at the United States Military Academy, the United States Naval Academy, and the United States Air Force Academy. The briefing shall include, at a minimum, the following:

- (1) the feasibility of designating Ukraine as a country eligible to nominate candidates to attend the Service Academies under section 347 of title 10, United States Code;
- (2) the number of Ukrainian students that could reasonably be accommodated on an annual basis;
- (3) the anticipated benefits to the United States and Ukraine of such participation;
- (4) any statutory, regulatory, or policy barriers to Ukrainian participation in the Service Academies; and
- (5) recommendations for legislative or administrative actions necessary to facilitate such participation.

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:

Ukrainian Military Instructors at Senior Professional Military Education Institutions

The committee recognizes that the Armed Forces of Ukraine have acquired unique operational experience in large-scale combat operations against a near-peer adversary. The committee believes that direct engagement with Ukrainian military professionals would provide substantial educational value to United States senior professional military education institutions.

Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services not later than March 1, 2027, on the feasibility of assigning or hosting Ukrainian military officers and defense experts as instructors, fellows, or visiting faculty at the National Defense University, the United States Army War College, the Naval War College, the Air War College, and the Marine Corps University.

The briefing shall include, at a minimum, the following:

- (1) opportunities to incorporate Ukrainian military personnel into professional military education programs as instructors or guest lecturers;
- (2) authorities available to support such assignments or exchanges;
- (3) anticipated benefits to the education of United States military officers; and
- (4) any statutory, policy, security, or resource barriers to implementation.

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

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

1 **SEC. 5 ____ . AUTHORIZATION FOR POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF**
2 **MEDAL OF HONOR TO ROBERT A. LODGE FOR**
3 **ACTS OF VALOR.**

4 (a) **AUTHORIZATION.**—Notwithstanding the time lim-
5 itations specified in section 9274 of title 10, United States
6 Code, or any other time limitation with respect to the
7 awarding of certain medals to persons who served in the
8 Armed Forces, the President may award the Medal of
9 Honor under section 9271 of such title to Robert A. Lodge
10 for the acts of valor described in subsection (b).

11 (b) **ACTS OF VALOR DESCRIBED.**—The acts of valor
12 described in this subsection are the actions of Robert A.
13 Lodge as a Major in the Air Force on May 10, 1972.



Amendment to H.R. 8800

Offered by: Mr. Khanna

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

Assessment of Ultra-Processed Foods and Artificial Additives in Military Food Programs

The Committee directs the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Defense Health Agency and appropriate public health and nutrition experts, to conduct a comprehensive assessment of the prevalence of ultra-processed foods, artificial dyes, preservatives, and other synthetic additives in foods and beverages served or made available to members of the Armed Forces through dining facilities, commissaries, exchanges, training environments, operational rations, and other military food programs. The assessment shall evaluate the extent to which such ingredients are present in military food offerings. The assessment shall also identify opportunities to increase the availability of minimally processed and nutrient-dense food options and provide recommendations, as appropriate, to improve ingredient transparency and nutritional standards within Department of Defense food procurement and feeding programs. Not later than March 1, 2027, the Secretary shall submit a report to the congressional defense committees on the findings of the assessment and any planned actions to address the use of ultra-processed foods and artificial additives in military food programs.

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

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

1 **SEC. 7___ . MODIFICATION OF TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY**
2 **OVERSIGHT STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN OF**
3 **THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.**

4 (a) CLARIFICATION OF STRATEGY AND PLAN RE-
5 QUIREMENTS.—Section 724 of the Servicemember Quality
6 of Life Improvement and National Defense Authorization
7 Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159; 10 U.S.C.
8 1071 note) is amended—

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

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

13 “(b) REQUIREMENTS; IMPLEMENTATION.—

14 “(1) REQUIREMENTS.—The oversight strategy
15 and action plan under subsection (a) shall include
16 the following requirements:

17 “(A) Establishment of a baseline
18 neurocognitive assessment to be conducted dur-
19 ing the accession process of all members of the

1 covered Armed Forces before the beginning of
2 training.

3 “(B) Establishment of annual
4 neurocognitive assessments to monitor the cog-
5 nitive function of such members to be con-
6 ducted—

7 “(i) at least every three years as part
8 of the periodic health assessment of such
9 members, and yearly for members deter-
10 mined to be at a high risk, as determined
11 by the Under Secretary of Defense for Per-
12 sonnel and Readiness; and

13 “(ii) as part of the post-deployment
14 health assessment of such members.

15 “(C) Establishment of standards for recur-
16 rent and prolonged exposure.

17 “(D) Ensuring that all neurocognitive as-
18 sessments of such members, including those re-
19 quired under subparagraphs (A) and (B), are
20 maintained in the electronic medical record of
21 such member.

22 “(E) Establishment and maintenance of
23 blast overpressure exposure logs and traumatic
24 brain injury logs for every member of the cov-
25 ered Armed Forces.

1 “(2) IMPLEMENTATION.—Not later than one
2 year after the date of the enactment of this sub-
3 section, the Secretary shall implement each require-
4 ment under paragraph (1).”.

5 (b) MODIFICATION OF REPORTS ON SUICIDE.—Sec-
6 tion 741(a)(2) of the National Defense Authorization Act
7 for Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law 116–92; 133 Stat.
8 1467), as amended by section 736(2)(B) of the Service-
9 member Quality of Life Improvement and National De-
10 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law
11 118–159; 138 Stat. 1959), is amended—

12 (1) by redesignating subparagraphs (I) through
13 (M) as subparagraphs (J) through (N), respectively;
14 and

15 (2) by inserting after subparagraph (H) the fol-
16 lowing new subparagraph (I):

17 “(I) The number of suicides identified
18 under subparagraph (A), as a whole and
19 disaggregated by the military occupational spe-
20 cialty (or other similar classification, rating, or
21 specialty code) of the member, excluding such
22 specialities that the Secretary determines would
23 not provide statistically valid data, with respect
24 to which the member had a history of one of
25 the following:

1 “(i) Concussive or subconcussive brain
2 injuries, including traumatic brain injuries.
3 “(ii) Exposure to blast overpressure.
4 “(iii) Other head trauma, regardless
5 of whether it required the treatment of a
6 medical provider.”.



Amendment to H.R. 8800

Offered by: Mr. Whitesides of California

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

Department of Defense Inspector General Review of Potential Insider Trading Activity

The committee is concerned by recent indications of insider trading activity on prediction platforms and energy commodity markets linked to sensitive military operations. The committee notes unusual trading volumes and price fluctuations since January 1, 2026, coinciding with planned operational adjustments and heightened military activities in and around Iran.

It is the sense of the committee that the use of insider knowledge of planned or ongoing military operations to trade on prediction markets by Department of Defense personnel would compromise operational security and represent a breach of ethics and federal law.

The committee directs the Inspector General of the Department of Defense to provide a report to the House Committee on Armed Services not later than January 1, 2027, on any and all complaints received by the Inspector General during Operation Epic Fury related to insider trading on prediction and energy market trades, including:

- (1) the number of complaints received;
- (2) a breakdown of whether such complaints were against uniformed service members, Department of Defense civilians, or contractors;
- (3) the outcomes of those complaints, including whether they were substantiated and any accountability actions taken;
- (4) any identified trends associated with the complaints;
- (6) an assessment of the operational risks and security vulnerabilities posed by activities identified in the complaints; and
- (7) recommendations of possible safeguards to detect, deter, and reduce the likelihood of such insider trading happening in the future.

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800**Offered by Mr. Whitesides of California**

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

Report on Civilian Test Pilot Support to Military Test Activities

The committee notes that Defense Contract Management Agency Instruction (DCMA INST) 8210-1D provides pathways for individuals who have attended non-U.S. military test pilot schools to support military test activities. The committee is interested in understanding whether these pathways could be expanded to support military test activities. Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretaries of the military departments, to provide a report to the House Committee on Armed Services not later than January 1, 2027, on the feasibility and advisability of expanding the pathways available under DCMA INST 8210-1D for graduates of U.S. certificated civilian test pilot schools to support military test activities as test pilots and flight test engineers. The report should include:

(1) an assessment of the current capacity of military and approved civilian test pilots to support military test activities, broken down by military service;

(2) an assessment of the feasibility and advisability of modifying DCMA INST 8210-1D to authorize all graduates of accredited U.S. civilian test pilot schools to support military test activities beyond the current pathways, including any potential benefits or risks associated with such a modification; and

(3) a determination of the appropriate certification for U.S. civilian test pilot schools to ensure curriculum aligns with that of the U.S. military test pilot schools and that the graduates of the certificated civilian test pilot schools fully meet the education and training requirements stipulated in DCMA INST 8210-1D.

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:

The Status and Impact of Conversions to Air National Guard Contingency Response Groups

The committee understands that the Air National Guard is converting several units to Contingency Response Groups (CRG), including the 182nd Airlift Wing, the 181st Intelligence Wing, the 186th Air Refueling Wing, the 141st Air Refueling Wing, and the 185th Air Refueling Wing. The committee is interested in the progress associated with these conversions, including the necessary funding for manning and equipment to support conversions. Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of the Air Force to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services not later than February 1, 2027, that includes the following:

- (1) a list of the units identified for conversion;
- (2) the planned timeline for conversion of each unit;
- (3) current manning of each unit identified for conversion;
- (4) manning necessary for each newly established CRG and planned timeline for reaching required CRG manning levels;
- (5) equipment necessary for the new CRGs, existing equipment gaps for each converting unit, and plan, including timeline, for fully equipping each unit;
- (6) funding necessary for the conversion for each unit and whether funding has yet been allocated for each conversion; and
- (7) risks to the mission should the deadlines for conversion not be met.

Amendment to H.R. 8800

Offered by: Mr. Courtney of Connecticut

Access to Student Loan Cancellation for Eligible Servicemembers

The committee notes that servicemembers may be eligible for several forms of federal student loan cancellation, including but not limited to Public Service Loan Forgiveness, Total and Permanent Disability discharge, and Borrower Defense to Repayment. However, the committee recognizes that those who qualify for student loan cancellation through such programs face barriers, such as administrative red tape, mismanagement by federal loan servicers, or a lack of knowledge about loan cancellation programs, to receive benefits.

As such, the committee directs the Comptroller General of the United States to provide a report to the House Committee on Armed Services and the Senate Committee on Armed Services not later than March 1, 2027, on U.S. servicemember access to Federal student loan cancellation programs. This report should include, but is not limited to, the following information:

- (1) how often do eligible servicemembers receive Federal student loan cancellation, broken down by loan cancellation program;
- (2) how do the Department of Defense and Department of Education communicate with servicemembers about their student loan cancellation options;
- (3) what challenges do eligible servicemembers face in obtaining student loan cancellation; and
- (4) any recommendations for Congress and Federal agencies to improve eligible servicemembers' access to federal student loan cancellation programs.

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:

Army Command Matching Program

The committee understands that the Army Command Matching Program has been used to facilitate certain personnel decisions within the Department of the Army since March 5, 2026. The committee is interested in further detail on how this program has been implemented. Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of the Army to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services not later than March 1, 2027, that includes the following:

- (1) a list of Army commands and their installations that were identified for participation in the Army Command Matching Program;
- (2) manning information for all commands that were subject to the Army Command Matching Program, to include the job description of identified surplus personnel and the job description of any critical, unfilled vacancies;
- (3) a description of how enabling technologies were used for employee-to-vacancy personnel matching in any part of the Army Command Matching Program;
- (4) the number of personnel who were matched and accepted intra-command placement per command, including whether their assigned installation changed;
- (5) the number of personnel who were matched and accepted cross-command placement per command, including whether their assigned installation changed;
- (6) the number of personnel that selected voluntary early retirement or separation per command; and
- (7) the total amount of money paid to those that selected voluntary separation incentive pay.

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

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

1 **SEC. 11 ____ . EXPANSION OF ELIGIBLE EDUCATIONAL PRO-**
2 **GRAMS UNDER THE SMART DEFENSE EDU-**
3 **CATION PROGRAM.**

4 (a) **ELIGIBLE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS.**—Section
5 4093(b)(1)(B) of title 10, United States Code, is amended
6 by striking “is pursuing an associates degree, under-
7 graduate degree, or advanced degree in a critical skill or
8 discipline described in subsection (a) at an accredited in-
9 stitution of higher education” and inserting “is pursuing
10 an associates degree, undergraduate degree, or advanced
11 degree in a critical skill or discipline described in sub-
12 section (a) at an accredited institution of higher education
13 or career and technical education, vocational education,
14 apprenticeship preparation, or workforce credentialing
15 program”.

16 (b) **SERVICE AGREEMENT REQUIREMENTS.**—Section
17 4093(c)(1)(B)(ii)(I) of title 10, United States Code, is
18 amended by striking “and” and inserting “or”.



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:

Department of Defense Support for Secure Voting by Deployed Servicemembers

The committee recognizes the responsibility of the Department of Defense to support secure, timely, and accessible voting for members of the Armed Forces serving overseas, deployed, or in austere environments under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act. The committee is concerned that servicemembers may face barriers caused by operational tempo, communications limitations, postal delays or loss, inconsistent ballot status notification, administrative rejection, cure deadlines, variation in State and local election procedures, and foreign cyber interference, including where timelines remain based primarily on international mail delivery.

The committee directs the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Director of the Federal Voting Assistance Program and, as appropriate, the Director of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency and the Executive Director of the Election Assistance Commission, to provide a report to the House Committee on Armed Services by February 1, 2027, on Department of Defense authorities, capabilities, limitations, and operational requirements for supporting secure voting access for absent uniformed services voters and eligible dependents. The report shall include—

(1) an assessment of the Department's current role in assisting servicemembers with voter registration, absentee ballot requests, ballot receipt, ballot return, status tracking, cure notification, and use of the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot;

(2) a review of available data on how absent uniformed services voters request, receive, and return ballots, including by mail, email, fax, online portal, or Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot;

(3) an analysis of how State and local election laws, deadlines, postmark rules, ballot receipt windows, cure procedures, and identification or residence verification requirements affect the Department's ability to support timely ballot access and return for deployed servicemembers, including whether such requirements distinguish between absent uniformed services voters, eligible dependents, and nonmilitary overseas voters;

(4) an assessment of whether modern electronic delivery of blank ballots, secure ballot-status notification, auditable timestamping, and related integrity tools could help reduce delays, administrative errors, and dependence on extended mail-based timelines, without digitally transmitting, storing, or tabulating marked ballots or reducing access for servicemembers in austere or communications-degraded environments;

(5) an evaluation of operational constraints, including deployed postal access, communications availability, cybersecurity requirements, command climate, coercion risks, and limits on the Department's role in election administration;

(6) an evaluation of whether any existing or emerging cryptographic or distributed ledger-based integrity system could satisfy applicable Federal and State standards, Department of Defense cybersecurity requirements, and independent security testing requirements for the issuance, delivery, timestamping, tracking, and auditability of unmarked voting materials, including a cost-benefit analysis compared to current Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act mechanisms; and

(7) recommendations for improving Department guidance, Federal Voting Assistance Program assistance, interagency coordination, voter notification, data collection, and any voluntary pilot programs that supplement existing absentee voting methods, including metrics for participation, ballot acceptance, rejection reduction, voter trust, security performance, and greater alignment with Election Day where operationally feasible.

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:

Navy Ombudsman Program and Support to Military Families

The committee recognizes the critical role of the Navy Ombudsman Program in providing a vital link between Navy families and command leadership, ensuring access to information, resources, and support for military spouses and families, particularly during deployments, crises, emergencies, and overseas assignments.

The committee directs the Secretary of the Navy, in coordination with the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, to submit a report to the congressional defense committees not later than December 1, 2026, on the status, effectiveness, utilization, and future requirements of the Navy Ombudsman Program. The report shall be submitted in unclassified form but may include a classified annex. The report should include:

- (1) an assessment of how the Ombudsman Program supports spouses and military families stationed overseas;
- (2) qualitative and quantitative data from the last three fiscal years to assess the effectiveness of the Navy Ombudsman Program;
- (3) an evaluation of how the volunteer-based Ombudsman Program could be leveraged, adapted, or expanded across all branches of the Armed Forces to strengthen military family readiness and command communication;
- (4) an assessment of limiting factors affecting the Navy Ombudsman Program as a critical volunteer-based program; and
- (5) a review of current program metrics and recommendations to improve the effectiveness, accountability, and sustainability of the Ombudsman Program.

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800

OFFERED BY MRS. KIGGANS OF VIRGINIA

At the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 8800, insert the following new directive report language:

School Safety Infrastructure at Department of Defense Education Activity Schools

The committee directs the Director of the Department of Defense Education Activity to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services not later than February 1, 2027, on school safety infrastructure at DoDEA schools. The report shall include:

1. an inventory of exterior door security systems at all DoDEA schools, including the number and percentage of schools with push-button locks, electronic locking mechanisms, reinforced door frames, vestibule systems, or single-point-of-entry systems;
2. an assessment of gaps in exterior door security infrastructure and the estimated cost to bring all DoDEA schools into compliance with evidence-based school safety standards;
3. a comparison of DoDEA school security protocols with those recommended by the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) K-12 School Security Guide and the Partner Alliance for Safer Schools;
- 4) recommendations for prioritizing exterior door security improvements at DoDEA schools that currently lack such infrastructure; and
- 5) a timeline and resource requirements for implementing recommended security upgrades.