

Senate and House Provisions for the FY 2016 National Defense Authorization Act
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House (H.R. 1735)	Senate (S. 1376)	TMC Position
Sec. 401 – Active Duty end strength. Army end strength reduced 15k (475k overall), Marine Corps reduced 100 (184k), Navy increased 5.6k (329.2k). Air Force increased 7735 (320715).	Sec. 401 – Active Duty end strength. Army end strength reduced 15k (475k overall), Marine Corps reduced 100 (184k), Navy increased 5.6k (329.2k). Air Force increased 4020 (317k).	TMC is concerned that the current drawdown is sequestration/budget-driven vs. mission-driven and could put national security at risk. Sequestration must end.
Sec. 402 – Revisions in permanent active duty end strength minimum levels. Army end strength reduced 15k (475k overall), Marine Corps decreased 100 (184k), Navy increased 5.6k (329.2k). Air Force increased 6100 (317k).	Sec. 402 – Enhancement of authority for management of end strengths for military personnel. The provision repeals section 691 and also amends section 115 of title 10, USC, to provide the Sec Def and the service secretaries authority to vary military personnel end strengths below authorized.	(see above)
Sec. 411 – End strength for selected reserve. ARNG reduced 8.2k (342k overall), USAR reduced 4k (198k), USNR increased 100(57.4k), USMCR reduced 300 (38.9k), ANG increased 300 (105.5k), USAFR increased 2.1k (69.2k), USCGR unchanged (7k)	Sec. 411 – End strength for selected reserve. ARNG reduced 8.2k (342k overall), USAR reduced 4k (198k), USNR increased 100(57.4k), USMCR reduced 300 (38.9k), ANG increased 300 (105.5k), USAFR increased 2.1k (69.2k), USCGR unchanged (7k)	(see above)
Sec. 412 – End strengths for reserves on active duty in support of the reserves. ARNG reduced 615 (30770), USAR unchanged (16261), USNR unchanged (9934), USMCR decreased 1 (2260), ANG increased 44 (14748), USAFR increased 202 (3032)	Sec. 412 – End strengths for reserves on active duty in support of the reserves. ARNG reduced 615 (30770), USAR unchanged (16261), USNR unchanged (9934), USMCR decreased 1 (2260), ANG increased 44 (14748), USAFR increased 202 (3032)	(see above)
Sec. 413 – End strength for military technicians (dual status). Army Reserve reduced by 500 (7,395), Air Guard increased by 312 (22,104), Air reserve by 25 (9,814). Army Guard reduced 1111 (26,099).	Sec. 413 – End strength for military technicians (dual status). Army Reserve reduced by 500 (7,395), Air Guard increased by 312 (22,104), Air reserve by 25 (9,814). Army Guard reduced 1111 (26,099).	(see above)
No similar provision.	Sec. 416 – Chief of the National Guard Bureau authority in increase certain end strengths applicable to the Army National Guard.	Support the Senate provision.
Sec. 421 – Military personnel. \$130,199,735	Sec. 421 – Military personnel. \$129,236,727	Support the House provision.
No similar provision.	Sec. 504 – Enhanced flexibility for determination of officers to continue on active duty and for selective early retirement and early discharge. Eliminates the restriction that the number of officers recommended for discharge by a selection board may not be more than 30 percent of the number of officers in each grade, year group, or specialty.	Oppose the Senate provision.

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No similar provision.	Sec. 506 – Reinstatement of enhanced authority for selective early discharge of warrant officers. Reinstates authority to convene, if necessary, selection boards to consider regular warrant officers on the Active-Duty list for involuntary discharge.	Oppose the Senate provision.
No similar provision.	Sec. 507 – Authority to conduct warrant officer retired grade determinations. Authorizes a service secretary to retire warrant officers in the highest grade in which they served satisfactorily before retirement.	Support the Senate provision.
Sec. 513 – Exemption of Military Technicians (Dual Status) from Civilian Furloughs.	No similar provision.	Support the House provision.
No similar provision.	Sec. 513 – Reconciliation of contradictory provisions relating to citizenship qualifications for enlistment in the reserve components of the Armed Forces. Aligns the citizenship or residency requirements for enlistment in the reserve components of the Armed Forces with the citizenship requirements for the active components.	Support the Senate provision.
Sec. 516 – Electronic tracking of operational active-duty service performed by members of the Ready Reserve of the Armed Forces.	No similar provision.	Support the House provision.
Sec. 521 – Administration of Reserve Duty. Consolidates the number of RC status category authorities under which RC members may be called to duty from 30 to 6	No similar provision.	Support the House provision.
No similar provision.	Sec. 521 – Duty required for eligibility for pre-separation counseling for members being discharged or released from active duty.	Support the Senate provision.
Sec. 522 – Reserve Duty Authorities. Authorizes President and Sec Def to call a member of the RC, under their jurisdiction, to Active or Inactive duty and provide authorities on activation timeline limitations and compensation requirements	No similar provision.	Support the House provision.
Sec. 523 – Purpose of Reserve Duty. Authorizes the mobilization of reserve forces. Authorizes Sec Def to organize and administer RC	No similar provision.	Support the House provision.
Sec. 524 – Training and Other Duty Performed by Members of the National Guard. authorizes the required training, field exercises and other	No similar provision.	Support the House provision.

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duty performed by NG members as well as purpose, restrictions/limitations for calling NG		
No similar provision.	Sec. 531 – Limitation on tuition assistance for off-duty training or education. Directs the Secretary concerned to determine that off-duty training or education through the tuition assistance program is likely to contribute to the professional development of a servicemember	Oppose the Senate provision.
No similar provision.	Sec. 532 – Termination of program of educational assistance for reserve component members supporting contingency operations and other operations. Sunsets the program of educational assistance for reserve component members supporting contingency operations and other operations in 4 years after the date of enactment of this Act.	Support the Senate provision.
Sec. 531 – Temporary Authority to Develop and Provide Additional Recruitment Incentives.	No similar provision.	Support the House provision.
No similar provision.	Sec. 534 Sense of Congress on transferability of unused education benefits to family members. Each Secretary concerned should exercise the authority to be more selective in permitting the transferability of unused education benefits to family members in a manner that encourages the retention of individuals in the Armed Forces.	Oppose the Senate provision. The ongoing DoD sponsored RAND study concerning the impact of GI Bill transfers on force retention (due 2016) should be considered before making any change to service extension commitments under the program.
No similar provision.	Sec. 535 – No entitlement to unemployment insurance while receiving Post-9/11 Education Assistance	Oppose the Senate provision.
No similar provision.	Sec. 536 – Repeal of statutory specification of minimum duration of in-resident instruction for courses of instruction offered as part of Phase II Joint Professional Military Education. Removes the statutory minimum residency requirements for Joint Professional Military Education Phase II courses taught at the Joint Forces Staff College	Support the Senate provision.
Sec. 537 – Establishment of Breastfeeding Policy for the Department of the Army	No similar provision.	Support the House provision.
No similar provision.	Sec. 537 – Quality assurance of certification programs and standards for professional	Support, but suggest changing Armed Forces to Uniformed Services.

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	credentials obtained by members of the Armed Forces. Require the Secretaries of the military departments to ensure the accreditation provided for servicemembers meet recognized national and international standards.	
Sec. 538 – Sense of Congress recognizing the diversity of the members of the Armed Forces.	Sec. 524 – Sense of Congress Recognizing the Diversity of the Members of the Armed Forces. – Continue to recognize and promote diversity in the Armed Forces, and honor those from all diverse backgrounds and religious traditions who have made sacrifices in service.	Support, but suggest changing Armed Forces to Uniformed Services.
No similar provision.	Sec. 539 – Online access to the higher education component of the transition assistance program. Authorizes the Secretary of VA to notify service members, veterans, or dependents of the availability of the higher education component of the Transition Assistance Program on the Transition GPS Standalone Training Internet web site of the DoD.	Support the Senate provision.
Sec. 541 – 557 Various Sexual Assault Provisions	Sec. 546 – 556 Various Sexual Assault Provisions	Support both House and Senate provisions.
No similar provision.	Sec. 557 – Sense of Congress on the service of military families and on sentencing retirement eligible members of the Armed Forces.	Support, but suggest changing Armed Forces to Uniformed Services.
Sec. 561 – Availability of Pre-separation Counseling for Members of the Armed Forces Discharged or Released After Limited Active Duty. Excludes any day on which a member performed full-time training or annual training duty and attendance at a school designated as a service school from the calculation of continuous days of Active Duty for the purpose of pre-separation counseling	No similar provision.	Oppose the House provision. If enacted suggest changing to Uniformed Services.
Sec. 562 – Availability of Additional Training Opportunities under Transition Assistance Program. Permits servicemembers eligible for TAP to receive additional training in prep for higher education or training, career or technical training or entrepreneurship.	No similar provision.	Support the House provision.
No similar provision.	Sec. 562 – Impact aid for children with severe	Support the Senate provision.

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	disabilities. \$5.0 million in Operation and Maintenance, Defense-wide, for impact aid payments for children with disabilities to continue DoD assistance to local educational agencies that benefit eligible dependents with severe disabilities.	
No similar provision.	Sec. 563 – Authority to use appropriated funds to support DoD student meal programs in domestic dependent elementary and secondary schools located outside the United States	Support the Senate provision.
Sec. 564 – Appointments to Military Service Academies from Nominations Made by Delegates in Congress from the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.	No similar provision.	Support the House provision.
No similar provision.	Sec. 564 – Biennial surveys of military dependents on military family readiness matters. Require the Director of the Office of Family Policy of the DoD to conduct biennial surveys of adult dependents of members of the Armed Forces on matters of military family readiness.	Support the Senate provision.
Sec. 565 – Recognition Additional Involuntary Mobilization Duty Authorities Exempt from Five-Year Limit on Reemployment Rights of Persons who Serve in the Uniformed Services. Exempts two additional involuntary mobilization duty authorities from the 5-year limit on reemployment rights under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act: (1) orders of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force Reserve to active duty to provide assistance in response to a major disaster or emergency; and (2) orders of the Selected Reserve to active duty for preplanned missions in support of the combatant commands.	No similar provision.	Support the House provision.
Sec. 566 – Job Training and Post-Service Placement Executive Committee. Establishes a Job Training and Post-Service Placement Executive Committee within the Department of	No similar provision.	Support the House provision.

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Veterans Affairs-DoD Joint Executive Committee		
Sec. 567 – Employment Pilot Program for Members of the National Guard and Reserve. Directs Sec Def to carry out a pilot program to provide job placement assistance and related employment services directly to G/R members.	No similar provision.	Support the House provision.
Sec. 568 – Program Regarding Civilian Credentialing for Skills Required for Certain Military Occupational Specialties. Adds six military occupational specialties to the pilot program from FY12 NDAA to assess the feasibility and advisability of permitting enlisted members of the Armed Forces to obtain civilian credentialing or licensing for skills required for military occupational specialties or qualification for duty specialty codes	No similar provision.	Support the House provision.
Sec. 571 – Continuation of Authority to Assist Local Educational Agencies That Benefit Dependents of Members of the Armed Forces and DoD Civilian Employee. Authorizes \$30.0 million for the continuation of the DoD assistance in FY 2016 to local educational agencies that are impacted by the enrollment of dependent children of military members and DoD civilian employees.	Sec. 561 – Continuation of authority to assist local educational agencies that benefit dependents of members of the armed forces and DoD civilian employees. Authorizes \$25.0 million in Operation and Maintenance, Defense-wide, for continuation of the DoD assistance program to local educational agencies that are impacted by enrollment of dependent children of military members and DoD civilian employees.	Support the House provision.
Sec. 572 – Extension of Authority to Conduct Family Support Programs for Immediate Family Members of Members of the Armed Forces Assigned to Special Operations.	No similar provision.	Support the House provision.
Sec. 573 – Support for Efforts to Improve Academic Achievement and Transition of Military Dependent Students. Authorizes Sec Def to make grants to non-profits that provide services to improve academic achievement of military dependent students.	No similar provision.	Support the House provision.
Sec. 575 – Sense of Congress Regarding Support for Dependents of Members of the Armed Forces Attending Specialized Camps. Expresses the sense of Congress that the DoD should support dependents of members of the	No similar provision.	Support the House provision.

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Armed Forces in attending specialized camps to support children		
No similar provision.	Sec. 582 – Financial literacy training with respect to certain financial services for members of the uniformed service.	Support the Senate provision.
Sec. 592 – Honoring Certain Members of the Reserve Components as Veteran. Creates a new section 107A of title 38, USC, to recognize the service of certain RC servicemembers by honoring them with status as veterans. Honors as a veteran any person who is entitled under chapter 1223 of title 10, USC, to retired pay for non-regular service or who, but for age, would be entitled under such chapter to retired pay for non-regular service, but would not create an entitlement to any benefit by reason of this section.	No similar provision.	Support the House provision.
No similar provision.	Sec. 592 – Increase in number of days of Active Duty required to be performed by reserve component members for duty to be considered federal service for purposes of unemployment compensation for ex-servicemembers. Increase from 90 to 180 days the number of continuous days of Active Duty required to be performed by reserve component members for that duty to be considered satisfactory federal service for purposes of unemployment compensation for ex-servicemembers.	Oppose the Senate provision.
Sec. 594 – Transfer and Adoption of Military Animals. Alters the priority order of authorized recipients of adopted military animals and would require the Secretary of the military department concerned to make animals available for adoption under certain circumstances	No similar provision.	Support the House provision.
Sec. 595 – Coordination with Non-Govt Suicide Prevention Organizations and Agencies to Assist in Reducing Suicides	No similar provision.	Support the House provision.
Sec. 597. Annual report on performance of regional offices of the Department of Veterans Affairs.	No similar provision	Support the House provision.
Sec. 598. Preliminary mental health screenings	No similar provision.	Support the House provision.

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for individuals becoming members of the Armed Forces.		
Sec. 599. Report regarding new rulemaking under the Military Lending Act and Defense Manpower Data Center reports and meetings.	No similar provision.	Oppose the House provision.
No similar provision.	Sec. 601 – Fiscal year 2016 increase in military basic pay. Authorizes a pay raise of 1.3 percent for all members of the uniformed services	Support a full ECI pay raise.
Sec. 602 – Prohibition on Per Diem Allowance Reductions Based on the Duration of Temporary Duty Assignment or Civilian Travel. Prohibits the Secretaries concerned from altering the amount of per diem allowance, or the maximum reimbursement for a locality for members of the uniformed services and civilian employees based on the duration of the temporary duty or travel	No similar provision.	Support the House provision.
No similar provision.	Sec. 602 – Modification of percentage of national average monthly cost of housing usable in computation of basic allowance for housing inside the United States. Authorizes Sec Def to reduce BAH by up to 5%.	Oppose the Senate provision.
No similar provision.	Sec. 603 – Extension of authority to provide temporary increase in rates of basic allowance for housing. Gives Sec Def authority to temporarily increase the rate of basic allowance for housing in areas impacted by natural disasters or experiencing a sudden influx of personnel.	Support the Senate provision.
No similar provision.	Sec. 604 – Basic allowance for housing for married members of the uniformed services assigned for duty within normal commuting distance and for other members living together. Spouse with lower rank in a dual-military married couple living together off base will no longer receive BAH. Cohabiting servicemembers will be docked 25% in BAH.	Oppose the Senate provision.
No similar provision.	Sec. 605 – Repeal of inapplicability of modification of basic allowance for housing to benefits under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs. Repeals FY15 NDAA provision dictating	Oppose the Senate provision.

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	BAH calculation.	
No similar provision.	Sec. 606 – Limitation on eligibility for supplemental subsistence allowances to members serving outside the United States and associated territory. Sunset on the supplemental subsistence allowance for servicemembers serving inside the United States.	Support the Senate provision.
No similar provision.	Sec. 607 – Availability of information. Allows Sec Def to obtain info from Sec of Agriculture to determine the number of supplemental nutrition assistance program applicant households that contain a servicemember.	Support the Senate provision.
No similar provision	Sec. 622 – Study and Report on Policy Changes to the Joint Travel Regulations. Commissions study on the impact of the policy changes to the Joint Travel Regulations for the Uniformed Service Members and DoD Civilian employees related to flat rate per diem for long term temporary duty travel	Support the Senate provision.
No similar provision	Sec. 623 – Transportation To Transfer Ceremonies For Family And Next Of Kin Of Members Of The Armed Forces Who Die Overseas During Humanitarian Operations	Support the Senate provision.
No similar provision	Sec. 624 – Policies Of The DoD On Travel Of Next Of Kin To Participate In The Dignified Transfer Of Remains Of Members Of The Armed Forces And Civilian Employees Of The DoD Who Die Overseas. Sec Def to review current policies on above.	Support the Senate provision.
Sec. 631 – Full Participation for Members of the Uniformed Services in Thrift Savings Plan. Blends the current defined benefit, cliff-vesting retirement plan with a defined contribution plan allowing service members to contribute to a portable TSP account with a Government contribution matching program.	Sec. 631 – Thrift Savings Plan participation for members of the uniformed services. This provision would provide a government-matching TSP element for those who would enter uniformed service on or after 1/1/18, or a member serving before that date who makes a voluntary election to opt-in to the new plan. Would provide a 1% agency contribution.	Support the House provision.
Sec. 632 – Modernized Retirement System for Members of the Uniformed Services. Blends the current defined benefit, cliff-vesting retirement plan with a defined contribution plan, lump sum	Sec. 632 – Modernized Retirement System for Members of the Uniformed Services. The committee recommends a provision that would comprise a new hybrid retirement system. New system would apply to	Support the House provision.

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career continuation pay, and retention bonuses paid at defined career milestones, while continuing a 20 year defined annuity.	new entrants after 1/1/18, and to those already serving members who choose to opt-in to the new system. The new defined benefit would continue to apply only to those members who reach 20 years of service, with a multiplier rate of 2.0 times years of service rather than the current rate of 2.5 times years of service.	
No similar provision.	Sec. 635 – Authority for retirement flexibility for members of the uniformed services. Gives flexibility to modify the years of service required for non-disability retirement under the new military retirement system in order to facilitate force shaping or to correct manpower shortages within an occupational specialty.	Oppose the Senate provision.
Sec. 641 – Preserving Assured Commissary Supply to Asia and the Pacific. Protect the commissary benefit by requiring a comprehensive review of the Asia-Pacific produce supply chain before any changes are made to regional second destination policy.	No similar provision.	Support the House provision.
No similar provision.	Sec. 641 – Death of former spouse beneficiaries and subsequent remarriages under Survivor Benefit Plan. Amends section 1448(b) of title 10, USC, to allow for the election of a new spouse beneficiary after the death of a former spouse beneficiary.	Support the Senate provision.
No similar provision.	Sec. 642 – Transitional compensation and other benefits for dependents of members of the Armed Forces ineligible to receive retired pay as a result of court-martial sentence. Authorizes monthly transitional compensation, including commissary and exchange store access, to dependents or former dependents of a member of the Armed Forces who is ineligible to receive retired pay as a result of court-martial sentence.	Support Senate provision but suggest changing to Uniformed Services.
Sec. 642 – Prohibition on Replacement or Consolidation of Defense Commissary and Exchange Systems Pending Submission of Required Report on Defense Commissary System.	Sec. 652 – Plan on privatization of the Defense Commissary System. Requires Sec Def to submit a report on setting forth a plan to privatize commissaries. Mandates 2-year pilot program <i>after report submission</i> w/no fewer than 5 commissaries in the largest markets of the commissary system to assess the feasibility and advisability of the plan.	Support both House and Senate provisions Or Support the House provision. TMC is grateful for the inclusion of Senators Inhofe's and Mikulski's amendment yet we are opposed to the overall proposal to privatize commissaries.

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Sec. 651 – Improvement of Financial Literacy and Preparedness of Members of the Armed Forces.	Sec. 581 – Improvement of financial literacy and preparedness of members of the Armed Forces.	Support both House and Senate provisions and suggest including family members and that Armed Forces be changed to Uniformed Services .
No similar provision.	Sec. 651 – Commissary system matters. Treats second destination transportation costs for commissary goods and supplies overseas like transportation costs within the US by transferring those costs to the commissary patron by increasing the price of goods.	Oppose the Senate provision.
Sec. 652. Availability for purchase of Veterans Affairs memorial headstones and markers for members of reserve components who performed certain training.	No similar provision.	Support the House provision.
Sec. 701 – Joint Uniform Formulary for Transition of Care. Requires the Sec Def and the Secretary of VA to jointly establish a joint uniform formulary for use by the DoD and the Department of VA	No similar provision.	Support the House provision.
No similar provision.	Sec. 701 – Urgent care authorization under the TRICARE program. Authorizes a beneficiary under the TRICARE program to access up to 4 urgent care visits per year.	Support the Senate provision.
No similar provision.	Sec. 702 – Modifications s of cost-sharing requirements for the TRICARE pharmacy benefits program. Increases copays of prescriptions at a much larger rate than current law.	Oppose the Senate provision.
Sec. 703 – Access to Contraceptive Method for Duration of Deployment.	No similar provision.	Support the House provision.
No similar provision.	Sec. 703 – Expansion of continued health benefits coverage to include discharged and released members of the Selected Reserve.	Support the Senate provision.
Sec. 704 – Access to Infertility Treatment for Members of the Armed Forces and Dependents.	No similar provision.	Support House provision but suggest changing to Uniformed Services .
No similar provision.	Sec. 704 – Reimbursement for smoking cessation services for certain TRICARE beneficiaries.	Support the Senate provision.
No similar provision.	Sec. 705 – Pilot program on treatment of members of the Armed Forces for post-traumatic stress disorder related to military sexual trauma. Award grants to community partners to provide intensive	Support Senate provision but suggest changing to Uniformed Services .

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	outpatient programs to treat members of the Armed Forces suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder resulting from military sexual trauma, including treatment for substance abuse, depression, and other issues related to those conditions.	
No similar provision.	Sec. 711 – Access to TRICARE program health care. Requires Sec Def to ensure covered TRICARE beneficiaries obtain health care appointments within access standards and wait-time goals	Support the Senate provision.
Sec. 712 – Licensure of Mental Health Professionals in TRICARE. Establishes criteria under which licensed mental health counselors may be reimbursed under the TRICARE program.	No similar provision.	Support the House provision.
No similar provision.	Sec. 712 – Portability of health plans under the TRICARE program. Ensures that beneficiaries who are covered under a TRICARE health plan can seamlessly access health care under that health plan in each TRICARE program region.	Support the Senate provision.
Sec. 713 – Reports on Proposed Realignments of Military Medical Treatment Facilities. Prohibits Sec Def from realigning or restructuring a military medical treatment facility until 90 days following the date the Secretary submits a report to the congressional defense committees on the military medical treatment facility	No similar provision.	Support the House provision.
No similar provision.	Sec. 713 – Improvement of mental health care provided by health care providers of the DoD. Ensures that all primary care and mental health care providers in DoD receive, or have already received, initial evidence-based training on the recognition, assessment, and management of individuals at risk for suicide and any additional training that may be required based on evidence- based changes in mental health practice.	Support the Senate provision.
Sec. 714 – Pilot Program for Operation of Network of Retail Pharmacies Under TRICARE Pharmacy Benefits Program. Authorizes Sec Def operating a network of preferred retail pharmacies.	No similar provision.	Support the House provision.

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No similar provision.	Sec. 715 – Waiver of recoupment of erroneous payments due to administrative error under the TRICARE Program.	Support the Senate provision.
No similar provision.	Sec. 716 – Designation of certain non-Department mental health care providers with knowledge relating to treatment of members of the Armed Forces. Develops a system by which any non-Department mental health care provider that meets eligibility criteria relating to knowledge and understanding of military culture and knowledge of evidence-based mental health treatments approved by the Secretary, would receive a mental health provider readiness designation from the Department.	Support the Senate provision.
No similar provision.	Sec. 720 – Pilot program on incentive programs to improve health care provided under the TRICARE program. Pilot program to assess value-based incentive programs to encourage institutional and individual health care providers under the TRICARE program to improve quality of care, experience of care, and health of beneficiaries	Support the Senate provision.
Sec. 724 - Primary blast injury research.	No similar provision.	Support the House provision.
Sec. 725 - Sense of Congress regarding mental health counseling for members of the Armed Forces and families.	No similar provision.	Support the House provision.
Sec. 726 - Provision of transportation of dependent patients relating to obstetrical anesthesia services.	No similar provision.	Support the House provision.
No similar provision.	Sec. 731 – Publication of certain information on health care provided by the DoD through the Hospital Compare web site of the Department of Health and Human Services. Requires Sec Def to enter into a MOU with the Secretary of HHS to report, and make publicly available through the Hospital Compare Internet web site of the DHHS, information on quality of care and health outcomes regarding patients treated at military medical treatment facilities.	Support the Senate provision.
No similar provision.	Sec. 732 – Publication of data on patient safety, quality of care, satisfaction, and health outcome measures under the TRICARE program. Publish	Support the Senate provision.

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	public data on measures used to assess patient safety, quality of care, patient satisfaction, and health outcomes on the primary Internet web site of the DoD	
No similar provision.	Sec. 733 – Annual report on patient safety, quality of care, and access to care at military medical treatment facilities. Requires Sec Def to submit a report on patient safety, quality of care, and access to care at military medical treatment facilities.	Support the Senate provision.
No similar provision.	Sec. 734 – Report on plans to improve experience with and eliminate performance variability of health care provided by the DoD. Requires Sec Def to submit a report describing the current and future plans, with estimated completion dates, of the DoD to improve the experience of care of beneficiaries and to eliminate performance variability for health care provided in military medical treatment facilities and in the TRICARE purchased care network.	Support the Senate provision.
No similar provision.	Sec. 735 – Report on plan to improve pediatric care and related services for children of members of the Armed Forces.	Support the Senate provision but suggest changing to Uniformed Services.
No similar provision.	Sec. 736 – Report on preliminary mental health screenings for individuals becoming members of the Armed Forces.	Support the Senate provision.
No similar provision.	Sec. 737 – Comptroller General report on use of quality of care metrics at military treatment facilities	Support the Senate provision.
No similar provision.	Sec. 738 – Report on Interoperability Between Electronic Health Records Systems of DoD And Department of Veterans Affairs.	Support the Senate provision.
No similar provision.	Sec. 739 – Submittal of information to Secretary of Veterans Affairs Relating to Exposure to Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pits.	Support the Senate provision.
No similar provision.	Sec. 740 – Comptroller General Study on Gambling and Problem Gambling Behavior Among Members of the Armed Forces	Support the Senate provision.
No similar provision.	Sec. 741 – Report on Implementation of Data Security and Transmission Standards for Electronic Health Records.	Support the Senate provision.