

TITLE IV—MILITARY PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATIONS

Subtitle A—Active Forces

End strengths for active forces (sec. 401)

The committee recommends a provision that would authorize Active-Duty end strengths for fiscal year 2020, as shown below:

Service	FY 2019 Authorized	FY 2020		Change from	
		Request	Recommendation	FY 2020 Request	FY 2019 Authorized
Army	487,500	480,000	480,000	0	¥ 7,500
Navy	335,400	340,500	340,500	0	+5,100
Marine Corps	186,100	186,200	186,200	0	+100
Air Force	329,100	332,800	332,800	0	+3,700
DOD Total	1,338,100	1,339,500	1,339,500	0	+1,400

Subtitle B—Reserve Forces

End strengths for Selected Reserve (sec. 411)

The committee recommends a provision that would authorize Selected Reserve end strengths for fiscal year 2020, as shown below:

Service	FY 2019 Authorized	FY 2020		Change from	
		Request	Recommendation	FY 2020 Request	FY 2019 Authorized
Army National Guard	343,500	336,000	336,000	0	¥ 7,500
Army Reserve	199,500	189,500	189,500	0	¥ 10,000
Navy Reserve	59,100	59,000	59,000	0	¥ 100
Marine Corps Reserve	38,500	38,500	38,500	0	0
Air National Guard	107,100	107,700	107,700	0	600
Air Force Reserve	70,000	70,100	70,100	0	100
DOD Total	817,700	800,800	800,800	0	0
Coast Guard Reserve	7,000	7,000	7,000	0	0

End strengths for Reserves on active duty in support of the reserves (sec. 412)

The committee recommends a provision that would authorize full-time support end strengths for fiscal year 2020, as shown below:

Service	FY 2019 Authorized	FY 2020		Change from	
		Request	Recommendation	FY 2020 Request	FY 2019 Authorized
Army National Guard	30,595	30,595	30,595	0	0
Army Reserve	16,386	16,511	16,511	0	125
Navy Reserve	10,110	10,155	10,155	0	45

Service	FY 2019 Authorized	FY 2020		Change from	
		Request	Recommendation	FY 2020 Request	FY 2019 Authorized
Marine Corps Reserve	2,261	2,386	2,386	0	125
Air National Guard	19,861	22,637	22,637	0	2,776
Air Force Reserve	3,849	4,431	4,431	0	582
DOD Total	83,062	86,715	86,715	0	3,653

End strengths for military technicians (dual status) (sec. 413)

The committee recommends a provision that would authorize military technicians (dual status) for the reserve components of the Army and Air Force for fiscal year 2020, as shown below:

Service	FY 2019 Authorized	FY 2020		Change from	
		Request	Recommendation	FY 2020 Request	FY 2019 Authorized
Army National Guard	22,294	22,294	22,294	0	0
Army Reserve	6,492	6,492	6,492	0	0
Air National Guard	15,861	13,569	13,569	0	¥2,292
Air Force Reserve	8,880	8,938	8,938	0	58
DOD Total	53,527	51,293	51,293	0	¥2,234

The provision would prohibit under any circumstances the coercion of a military technician (dual status) by a State into accepting an offer of realignment or conversion to any other military status, including as a member of the Active, Guard, and Reserve program of a reserve component. The provision would further specify that if a technician declines to participate in such a realignment or conversion, no further action may be taken against the individual or the individual's position. The provision would require the Chief of the National Guard Bureau to certify by January 1, 2020, to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives the number of positions realigned from military technician (dual status) to a position in the Active, Guard, and Reserve (AGR) program of the Air National Guard during fiscal year 2019. Finally, the provision would specify that if the number so certified is less than 3,190, that the authorized strength for Air National Guard military technicians be increased by the difference between the number certified and 3,190 (with a maximum increase of 2,292) and that authorized AGR strength for the Air National Guard be decreased by that same amount.

The committee is concerned that the Air National Guard did not properly validate its requirements under its realignment initiative, relying instead on a wishlist from the States rather than a rigorous and analytical process to determine what positions should be realigned, could be realigned, and what should remain technician. While the committee tentatively supports the Administration's request for fiscal year 2020, subject to the adjustment mechanism provided in the provision, the committee reserves the right to reassess this authorization as the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 moves through the legislative process, based on the reporting requirements set forth below.

The committee directs the Chief of the National Guard Bureau to provide to the committee quarterly reports on the number of positions that have been realigned from technician to AGR, by state, occupational specialty, and grade, beginning immediately with data available for fiscal year 2019 and continuing quarterly through May 1, 2021.

Maximum number of reserve personnel authorized to be on active duty for operational support (sec. 414)

The committee recommends a provision that would establish limits on the number of reserve personnel authorized to be on Active Duty for operational support under section 115(b) of title 10, United States Code, as of September 30, 2020, as shown below:

Service	FY 2019 Authorized	FY 2020		Change from	
		request	recommutation	FY 2020 Request	FY 2019 Authorized
Army National Guard	17,000	17,000	17,000	0	0
Army Reserve	13,000	13,000	13,000	0	0
Navy Reserve	6,200	6,200	6,200	0	0
Marine Corps Reserve	3,000	3,000	3,000	0	0
Air National Guard	16,000	16,000	16,000	0	0
Air Force Reserve	14,000	14,000	14,000	0	0
DOD Total	69,200	69,200	69,200	0	0

Authorized strengths for Marine Corps Reserves on active duty (sec. 415)

The committee recommends a provision that would amend section 12011(a)(1) and section 12012(a) of title 10, United States Code, by adjusting the controlled grade caps for field grade officers and senior enlisted marines to account for increased end strength in the Marine Corps Active Reserve Program. The provision would also expand the field grade officer and senior enlisted strength tables to allow for future end strength increases.

Subtitle C—Authorization of Appropriations

Military personnel (sec. 421)

The committee recommends a provision that would authorize the appropriations for military personnel activities at the levels identified in section 4401 of division D of this Act.

Budget Items

Military personnel funding changes

The amount authorized to be appropriated for military personnel programs includes the following changes from the budget request:

[Changes in millions of dollars]

Military personnel underexecution	¥918.98
Total	¥918.98

The committee recommends a total reduction in the Military Personnel (MILPERS) appropriation of \$918.98 million. This amount includes: (1) A reduction of \$918.98 million to reflect the Govern-

ment Accountability Office's most recent assessment of average annual MILPERS under execution.