

SERVICEMEMBER QUALITY OF LIFE IMPROVEMENT AND NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025
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SEC. 1006. ESTABLISHMENT OF CROSS-FUNCTIONAL TEAM TO OVERSEE IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMISSION ON PLANNING, PROGRAMMING, BUDGETING, AND EXECUTION REFORM.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, using the authority provided under section 911(c) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114-328; 10 U.S.C. 111 note), the Secretary of Defense shall establish and appropriately resource a cross-functional team to plan and oversee, in coordination with the congressional defense committees, the implementation of the recommendations of the Commission on Planning, Programming, Budgeting, and Execution Reform established by section 1004 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law 117-81; 135 Stat. 1884).

(b) **REPORTING.**—The head of the cross-functional team required by subsection (a) shall be the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) and such team shall report directly to the Deputy Secretary of Defense.

(c) **PERSONNEL.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The cross-functional team required by subsection (a) shall include dedicated, appropriate personnel with relevant expertise.

(2) **DIRECTOR.**—There shall be a Director of the cross-functional team who shall be responsible for leading the daily activities of the cross-functional team. The Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) shall select either a member of the Senior Executive Service or a senior military officer to serve as the Director.

(3) **HIRING AUTHORITIES.**—In establishing the cross-functional team, the Secretary may—

(A) hire personnel on a temporary or term basis to support the activities of the cross-functional team; and

(B) enter into contracts or other agreements with subject-matter experts with relevant expertise to support the cross-functional team.

(4) **COMPENSATION.**—Basic pay for personnel on the cross-functional team may be administratively determined and set in accordance with section 3161(d) of title 5, United States Code.

(5) **INAPPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN LIMITATION.**—An individual hired or selected for service under this subsection who is not assigned to perform functions in, or employed by, the Office of the Secretary of Defense (including performance of direct support activities of that Office and the Washington Headquarters Services of the Department of Defense) as of the date of the enactment of this Act is not subject to the limitations under section 143 of title 10, United States Code.

(d) **CONSULTATIONS WITH CONGRESS.**—Not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) shall—

(1) provide to the congressional defense committees a briefing on the proposed leadership, composition, and charter of the cross-functional team required by subsection (a); and

(2) seek feedback from the congressional defense committees on the recommendations of the Commission on Planning, Programming, Budgeting, and Execution Reform.

(e) **REPORTS.**—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, and every 180 days thereafter until the date that is three years after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Under Secretary of

Defense (Comptroller) shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on the efforts of the Department of Defense to implement the recommendations of the Commission.

(f) TERMINATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided by paragraph (2), this section and the cross-functional team required by subsection (a) shall terminate on December 31, 2029.

(2) EARLY DISESTABLISHMENT OF TEAM.—The Secretary may, on or after December 31, 2027, and before the termination date specified in paragraph (1), disestablish the cross-functional team required by subsection (a) if—

(A) the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) determines that the cross-functional team is no longer required for the implementation of the recommendations of the Commission on Planning, Programming, Budgeting, and Execution Reform; and

(B) the Secretary—

(i) notifies the congressional defense committees not later than 30 days before disestablishing the cross-functional team; and

(ii) includes in the notification the justification of the Secretary for the disestablishment of the cross-functional team.