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Executive Summary

This guide provides a short summary of the initial subcommittee markup for the Fiscal Year 2019 Defense Appropriations Act. To obtain a complete understanding of any particular provision, users are encouraged to review the actual legislative language. Bill text and report language can be found on the LL website: www.nationalguard.mil/ll.

Status:

On June 26th, 2018, the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense passed the FY19 Defense Appropriations Act. The full committee passed the bill on June 28th. The bill appropriates \$607.1 billion for base defense spending and \$67.9 billion for OCO, for a total of \$675 billion.

Highlights:

- Funds an end-strength of 343,500 for the ARNG and 106,600 for the ANG
- Adds \$7M for State Partnership Program
- Adds \$13M for Youth Challenge
- Adds \$7M for wildfire training
- Adds \$100M for NG Counterdrug Program and \$25M for schools
- Adds \$3M for Advance Trauma Training Program
- Appropriates \$4M each for the ARNG and ANG for a preventative mental health program
- Appropriates \$320M for 15 UH-60s for ARNG
- Appropriates \$291M each for ARNG and ANG for NGREA
- Appropriates \$120M for ARNG HMMWV Ambulances
- Continues JSTARS Recapitalization

National Guard Accounts Overview

(All Dollars in Thousands)

Army National Guard	FY19 President's Budget Request	FY19 HAC-D Mark	Delta from Request	FY19 SAC-D Mark	Delta from Request	FY19 Conference
ARNG Personnel	\$8,744,345	\$8,589,785	-\$154,560	\$8,650,645	-\$93,700	
ARNG Personnel OCO	\$195,283	\$195,283	-	\$195,283	-	
ARNG O&M	\$7,399,295	\$7,329,771	-\$69,524	\$7,261,295	-\$138,000	
ARNG O&M OCO	\$110,729	\$110,729	-	\$110,729	-	
NGREA	-	\$421,000	+\$421,000	\$291,500	+\$291,500	

Air National Guard	FY19 President's Budget Request	FY19 HAC-D Mark	Delta from Request	FY19 SAC-D Mark	Delta from Request	FY19 Conference
ANG Personnel	\$3,725,380	\$3,707,240	-\$18,140	\$3,718,780	-\$6,600	
ANG Personnel OCO	\$5,460	\$5,460	-	\$5,460	-	
ANG O&M	\$6,427,622	\$6,438,162	+\$10,540	\$6,433,697	+\$6,075	
ANG O&M OCO	\$15,870	\$15,870	-	\$15,870	-	
NGREA	-	\$421,000	+\$421,000	\$291,500	+\$291,500	



Army National Guard

Army National Guard Personnel

(All Dollars in Thousands)

ARNG Personnel Appropriation	FY19 President's Budget Request	FY19 HAC-D Mark	Delta from Request	FY19 SAC-D Mark	Delta from Request	FY19 Conference
PAY GROUP A TRAINING (15 DAYS & DRILLS 24/48)	\$2,805,051	\$2,786,051 ¹	-\$19,000	\$2,805,051	-	
PAY GROUP F TRAINING (RECRUITS)	\$575,310	\$565,310 ²	-\$10,000	\$575,310	-	
PAY GROUP P TRAINING (PIPELINE RECRUITS)	\$43,618	\$43,618	-	\$43,618	-	
SCHOOL TRAINING	\$554,644	\$551,644 ³	-\$3,000	\$554,644	-	
SPECIAL TRAINING	\$695,097	\$707,337 ^{4,5,6}	+\$12,240	\$698,697 ⁷	+\$3,600	
ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORT	\$3,925,593	\$3,925,593	-	\$3,925,593	-	
THRIFT SAVINGS PLAN MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS	\$55,530	\$55,530	-	\$55,530	-	
EDUCATION BENEFITS	\$89,502	\$89,502	-	\$89,502	-	
TOTAL, BUDGET ACTIVITY 1 (BAC-01)	\$8,744,345	\$8,724,585	-\$19,760	\$8,747,945	+\$3,600	
UNDISTRIBUTED ADJUSTMENT	-	-\$136,000	-\$136,000	-\$99,500 ^{8,9}	-\$99,500	
TRAUMA TRAINING	-	+\$1,200	+\$1,200	+\$1,200	+\$1,200	
WILDFIRE TRAINING	-	-	-	+\$1,000	+\$1,000	
TOTAL, ARNG PERSONNEL	\$8,744,345	\$8,589,785	-\$154,560	\$8,650,645	-\$93,700	

HAC-D Items

1. Excess growth -\$19,000
2. Excess to requirement -\$10,000
3. Historical overestimation of accessions mission -\$3,000
4. Program increase - SPP +\$2,940
5. Program increase - CPTs +1,300
6. Program increase - training and operational support on the southwest border +\$8,000

SAC-D Items

7. Program increase – SPP +\$3,600
8. Rate adjustments -\$7,000
9. Revised budget estimate -\$92,500

Army National Guard Personnel (Overseas Contingency Operations)

ARNG Personnel (OCO) Appropriation	FY19 President's Budget Request	FY19 HAC-D Mark	Delta from Request	FY19 SAC-D Mark	Delta from Request	FY19 Conference
PAY GROUP A TRAINING (15 DAYS & DRILLS 24/48)	\$47,114	\$47,114	-	\$47,114	-	
SCHOOL TRAINING	\$2,939	\$2,939	-	\$2,939	-	
SPECIAL TRAINING	\$135,655	\$135,655	-	\$135,655	-	
ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORT	\$9,575	\$9,575	-	\$9,575	-	
TOTAL, BUDGET ACTIVITY 1 (BAC-01)	\$195,283	\$195,283	-	\$195,283	-	
TOTAL ARNG PERSONNEL	\$195,283	\$195,283	-	\$195,283	-	

Army National Guard Operations & Maintenance

ARNG O&M Appropriation	FY19 President's Budget Request	FY19 HAC-D Mark	Delta from Request	FY19 SAC-D Mark	Delta from Request	FY19 Conference
MANEUVER UNITS	\$810,269	\$776,495 ^{1,2,3}	-\$33,774	\$790,269 ¹³	-\$20,000	
MODULAR SUPPORT BRIGADES	\$193,402	\$185,402 ⁴	-\$8,000	\$193,402	-	
ECHELONS ABOVE BRIGADE	\$753,815	\$755,815 ⁵	+\$2,000	\$753,815	-	
THEATER LEVEL ASSETS	\$84,124	\$84,124	-	\$84,124	-	
LAND FORCES OPERATIONS SUPPORT	\$31,881	\$31,881	-	\$31,881	-	
AVIATION ASSETS	\$973,874	\$973,874	-	\$973,874	-	
FORCE READINESS OPERATIONS SUPPORT	\$784,086	\$785,586 ^{6,7}	+\$1,500	\$765,286 ^{14,15}	-\$18,800	
LAND FORCES SYSTEMS READINESS	\$51,353	\$51,353	-	\$51,353	-	
LAND FORCES DEPOT MAINTENANCE	\$221,633	\$221,633	-	\$221,633	-	
BASE OPERATIONS SUPPORT	\$1,129,942	\$1,114,942 ⁸	-\$15,000	\$1,108,942 ^{16,17}	-\$21,000	
FACILITIES SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION, & MODERNIZATION	\$919,947	\$999,947 ⁹	+\$80,000	\$919,947	-	
MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONAL HQ	\$1,010,524	\$1,002,059 ^{10,11}	-\$8,465	\$1,010,524	-	
TOTAL, BUDGET ACTIVITY ONE (BAC-01)	\$6,964,850	\$6,983,111	+\$18,261	\$6,905,050	-\$59,800	
SERVICEWIDE TRANSPORTATION	\$10,017	\$10,017	-	\$10,017		
ADMINISTRATION	\$72,746	\$75,686 ¹²	+2,940	\$76,546	+\$3,800	
SERVICEWIDE COMMUNICATIONS	\$83,105	\$83,105	-	\$83,105		
MANPOWER MANAGEMENT	\$10,678	\$10,678	-	\$10,678		
RECRUITING AND ADVERTISING	\$254,753	\$254,753	-	\$254,753		
OTHER CONSTRUCTION SUPPORT AND REAL ESTATE MANAGEMENT	\$3,146	\$3,146	-	\$3,146		
TOTAL, BUDGET ACTIVITY FOUR (BAC-04)	\$434,445	\$437,385	+\$2,940	\$438,245	+\$3,800	
UNJUSTIFIED GROWTH	-	-	-	-\$88,000	-\$88,000	
WILDFIRE TRAINING	-	-	-	+\$6,000	+\$6,000	
RESTORE READINESS	-	+\$20,000	+\$20,000	-	-	
HISTORICAL UNOBLIGATION	-	-\$110,725	-\$110,725	-	-	
TOTAL, ARNG O&M	\$7,399,295	\$7,329,771	-\$69,524	\$7,261,295	-\$138,000	

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HAC-D Items

1. Fiscal year 2018 decrease not properly accounted -\$20,000
2. Training excess growth -\$11,169
3. Transportation excess growth -\$2,605
4. Fiscal year 2018 decrease not properly accounted -\$8,000
5. Program increase - training and operational support of the southwest border +\$2,000
6. Program increase - cyber protection teams +\$500
7. Program increase - expanded training environment +\$1,000
8. Fiscal year 2018 decrease not properly accounted -\$15,000
9. Program increase +\$80,000
10. Fiscal year 2018 decrease not properly accounted -\$5,000
11. Excess growth -\$3,466
12. Program increase - SPP +\$2,940

SAC-D Items

13. Unjustified growth -\$20,000
14. Program decrease unaccounted for -\$20,000
15. Program increase - Advanced trauma training +\$1,200
16. Program decrease unaccounted for -\$25,000
17. Program increase - ARNG preventative mental health program +\$4,000
18. Program increase - SPP +\$3,800

Army National Guard Operations & Maintenance (Overseas Contingency Operations)

ARNG O&M (OCO) Appropriation	FY19 President's Budget Request	FY19 HAC-D Mark	Delta from Request	FY19 SAC-D Mark	Delta from Request	FY19 Conference
MANEUVER UNITS	\$42,519	\$42,519	-	\$42,519	-	
MODULAR SUPPORT BRIGADES	\$778	\$778	-	\$778	-	
ECHELONS ABOVE BRIGADE	\$12,093	\$12,093	-	\$12,093	-	
THEATER LEVEL ASSETS	\$708	\$708	-	\$708	-	
AVIATION ASSETS	\$28,135	\$28,135	-	\$28,135	-	
FORCE READINESS OPERATIONS SUPPORT	\$5,908	\$5,908	-	\$5,908	-	
BASE OPERATIONS SUPPORT	\$18,877	\$18,877	-	\$18,877	-	
MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONAL HEADQUARTERS	\$956	\$956	-	\$956	-	
TOTAL, BUDGET ACTIVITY ONE (BAC-01)	\$109,974	\$109,974	-	\$109,974	-	
SERVICEWIDE COMMUNICATIONS	\$755	\$755	-	\$755	-	
TOTAL, BUDGET ACTIVITY FOUR (BAC-04)	\$110,729	\$110,729	-	\$110,729	-	
TOTAL, ARNG O&M (OCO)	\$110,729	\$110,729	-	\$110,729	-	



Air National Guard

Air National Guard Personnel

(All Dollars in Thousands)

ANG Personnel Appropriation	FY19 President's Budget Request	FY19 HAC-D Mark	Delta from Request	FY19 SAC-D Mark	Delta from Request	FY19 Conference
PAY GROUP A TRAINING (15 DAYS & DRILLS 24/48)	\$989,368	\$989,368	-	\$989,368		
PAY GROUP F TRAINING (RECRUITS)	\$85,771	\$85,771	-	\$85,771		
PAY GROUP P TRAINING (PIPELINE RECRUITS)	\$8,113	\$8,113	-	\$8,113		
SCHOOL TRAINING	\$334,293	\$334,293	-	\$334,293		
SPECIAL TRAINING	\$167,411	\$168,671 ¹	+\$1,260	\$171,011³	+\$3,600	
ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORT	\$2,099,045	\$2,098,045 ²	-\$1,000	\$2,099,045		
THRIFT SAVINGS PLAN MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS	\$25,177	\$25,177	-	\$25,177		
EDUCATION BENEFITS	\$16,202	\$16,202	-	\$16,202		
TOTAL, BUDGET ACTIVITY 1 (BAC-01)	\$3,725,380	\$3,725,640	+\$260	\$3,728,980	+\$3,600	
UNDISTRIBUTED ADJUSTMENT	-	-\$20,200	-\$20,200	-\$12,000 ^{4,5}	-\$12,000	
TRAUMA TRAINING		+1,800	+\$1,800	+\$1,800	+1,800	
Total, National Guard Personnel, Air Force	\$3,725,380	\$3,707,240	-\$18,140	\$3,718,780	-\$6,600	

HAC-D Items

1. Program increase – SPP +\$1,260
2. Historical underexecution -\$1,000

SAC-D Items

3. Program increase – SPP +\$3,600
4. Rate adjustments -\$2,000
5. Revised budget estimate -\$10,000

Air National Guard Personnel (Overseas Contingency Operations)

ANG Personnel (OCO) Appropriation	FY19 President's Budget Request	FY19 HAC-D Mark	Delta from Request	FY19 SAC-D Mark	Delta from Request	FY19 Conference
SPECIAL TRAINING	\$5,460	\$5,460	-	\$5,460	-	

Air National Guard Operations & Maintenance

ANG O&M Appropriation	FY19 President's Budget Request	FY19 HAC-D Mark	Delta from Request	FY19 SAC-D Mark	Delta from Request	FY19 Conference
AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS	\$2,619,940	2,579,940 ¹	-\$40,000	\$2,533,940 ^{4,5}	-\$86,000	
MISSION SUPPORT OPERATIONS	\$623,265	623,805 ²	+\$540	\$631,540 ^{6,7,8,9,10,11}	+\$8,275	
DEPOT MAINTENANCE	\$748,287	\$748,287	-	\$748,287	-	
FACILITIES SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MODERNIZATION	\$303,792	343,792 ³	+\$40,000	\$309,292 ¹²	+\$5,500	
CONTRACTOR LOGISTICS SUPPORT AND SYSTEM SUPPORT	\$1,061,759	\$1,061,759	-	\$1,061,759	-	
BASE OPERATING SUPPORT	\$988,333	\$988,333	-	\$1,023,633 ^{13,14,15}	+\$35,300	
TOTAL, BUDGET ACTIVITY ONE (BAC-01)	\$6,345,376	\$6,345,916	+\$540	\$6,308,451	-\$36,925	
ADMINISTRATION	\$45,711	\$45,711	-	\$45,711	-	
RECRUITING AND ADVERTISING	\$36,535	\$36,535	-	\$36,535	-	
TOTAL, BUDGET ACTIVITY FOUR (BAC-04)	\$82,246	\$82,246	-	\$82,246	-	
RESTORE READINESS	-	+\$10,000	+\$10,000	-	-	
DECREASE UNACCOUNTED FOR	-	-	-	-\$18,000	-\$18,000	
BUYBACK 3 PMAI JSTARS AIRCRAFT	-	-	-	+\$61,000	+\$61,000	
TOTAL, AIR NATIONAL GUARD O&M	\$6,427,622	\$6,438,162	+\$10,540	\$6,433,697	+\$6,075	

HAC-D Items

1. Unjustified program growth - \$40,000
2. Program increase - SPP +\$540
3. Program increase - +\$40,000

SAC-D Items

4. Projected underexecution -\$80,000
5. Program decrease unaccounted for -\$6,000
6. Program decrease unaccounted for -\$15,000
7. Disaster relief mobile kitchen trailers +\$7,800
8. Program increase - ANG readiness training ranges +\$9,000
9. Program increase - Advanced trauma training program +\$1,800
10. Program increase - ANG preventative mental health program +\$4,000

11. Program increase - SPP +\$675
12. Program increase - KC-46A emergent requirements +\$5,500
13. ANG-requested transfer for environmental projects from ERA, Air Force account +\$11,000
14. Program increase - Cold weather aviation systems +\$5,300
15. Program increase - Sec. 315 of S.2987, Senate NDAA as reported +\$19,000

Air National Guard Operations & Maintenance (Overseas Contingency Operations)

ANG O&M (OCO) Appropriation	FY19 President's Budget Request	FY19 HAC-D Mark	Delta from Request	FY19 SAC-D Mark	Delta from Request	FY19 Conference
MISSION SUPPORT OPERATIONS	\$3,560	\$3,560	-	\$3,560	-	
BASE SUPPORT	\$12,310	\$12,310	-	\$12,310	-	
TOTAL, ANG O&M (OCO)	\$15,870	\$15,870	-	\$15,870	-	

Legislative Provisions

SEC. 8004. No more than 20 percent of the appropriations in this Act which are limited for obligation during the current fiscal year shall be obligated during the last 2 months of the fiscal year: Provided, that this section shall not apply to obligations for support of active duty training of reserve components or summer camp training of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps.

SEC. 8040. None of the funds available in this Act may be used to reduce the authorized positions for military technicians (dual status) of the Army National Guard, Air National Guard, Army Reserve and Air Force Reserve for the purpose of applying any administratively imposed civilian personnel ceiling, freeze, or reduction on military technicians (dual status), unless such reductions are a direct result of a reduction in military force structure.

SEC. 8042. Funds appropriated in this Act for operation and maintenance of the Military Departments, Combatant Commands and Defense Agencies shall be available for reimbursement of pay, allowances and other expenses which would otherwise be incurred against appropriations for the National Guard and Reserve when members of the National Guard and Reserve provide intelligence or counterintelligence support to Combatant Commands, Defense Agencies and Joint Intelligence Activities, including the activities and programs included within the National Intelligence Program and the Military Intelligence Program provided that nothing in this section authorizes deviation from established Reserve and National Guard personnel and training procedures.

SEC. 8051. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Chief of the National Guard Bureau may permit the use of equipment of the National Guard Distance Learning Project by any person or entity on a space-available, reimbursable basis. The Chief of the National Guard Bureau shall establish the amount of reimbursement for such use on a case-by-case basis. (b) Amounts collected under subsection (a) shall be credited to funds available for the National Guard Distance Learning Project and be available to defray the costs associated with the use of equipment of the project under that subsection. Such funds shall be available for such purposes without fiscal year limitation.

SEC. 8058. Notwithstanding section 12310(b) of title 10, United States Code, a Reserve who is a member of the National Guard serving on full-time National Guard duty under section 502(f) of title 32, United States Code, may perform duties in support of the ground-based elements of the National Ballistic Missile Defense System.

SEC. 8060. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Chief of the National Guard Bureau, or his designee, may waive payment of all or part of the consideration that otherwise would be required under section 2667 of title 10, United States Code, in the case of a lease of personal property for a period not in excess of 1 year to any organization specified in section 508(d) of title 32, United States Code, or any other youth, social, or fraternal nonprofit organization as may be approved by the Chief of the National Guard Bureau, or his designee, on a case-by-case basis.

SAC-D Report Language

Advanced Battle Management System

The fiscal year 2019 President's budget request supports the Air Force's new approach to battle management, the Advanced Battle Management System [ABMS]. The Committee understands that the ABMS will be a decentralized network of platforms and sensors that will integrate battlefield surveillance information. The Committee is supportive of the Air Force's new approach given the changing threat environment and need for resilient and survivable networks against near peer competitors. However, the Committee is concerned with the near-term risks in cancelling the Joint Surveillance and Target Attack Radar System [JSTARS] recapitalization program and time required to operationalize these new capabilities.

As a result, the Committee fully funds the budget request for ABMS and recommends an additional \$375,000,000 to address near-term risks, to include procurement funding for additional MQ-9 Reaper unmanned aerial vehicles and support of the battlefield airborne communications node mission; research, development, test and evaluation funding for radar and agile communications development; and operation and maintenance in the Air National Guard funding to continue to operate and sustain the legacy E-8 JSTARS fleet. Further, the Committee directs the Secretary of the Air Force to submit a report to the congressional defense committees not later than 90 days after enactment of this act on a revised ABMS plan and execution strategy, updated costs and schedules of each activity within the ABMS plan, and a gap and threat assessment of both the ground moving target indicator and battle management command and control mission areas.

Reserve Component Budget Reporting

The Committee continues its requirement for the Department to provide a semi-annual detailed report to the congressional defense committees showing transfers between sub-activities within the military personnel appropriation. Reports shall be submitted not later than 30 days following the end of the second quarter and 30 days following the end of the fiscal year.

Advanced Trauma Training Program for National Guard and Reserve

The Committee recognizes the valuable support universities, hospitals, and other military partners provide by offering civilian- based emergency response trauma training and critical care training including public health, bio-environmental, and biomedical instruction to sustain medics' and medical providers' capabilities of the National Guard Enhanced Response Forces Packages [CERFP], National Guard Homeland Response Forces [NGHRF], the Army Reserve Consequence Management Response Forces [CCMRF] and other National Guard and Reserves medical conversion/readiness requirements. The Committee encourages the National Guard and Reserves to continue pursuing state-of-the-art trauma training with these civilian partners, thus maintaining unit medical readiness postures at optimum levels as military healthcare providers in CERFPs, NGHRFs, and CCMRFs maintain their individual skills to respond effectively to emergency incidents on the homeland. Furthermore, in order to minimize the civilian-military operational gaps in the event of a catastrophic incident, the Committee also encourages the development of enhanced medical and critical care preparedness medical training programs focusing on public health curriculums and the epidemiology of public health diseases, mass casualty triage, advanced disaster life support, advanced hazardous material life support, emergency dental, and psychological health by increasing civilian-based advanced trauma expertise gained through day-to-day experiences and medical research programs.

Report on Guard and Reserve Benefits and Compensation

The Committee recognizes that additional active duty service requirements are being asked of currently serving members of the National Guard and Reserve in order to enhance the readiness of the force. The Committee directs the Secretary of Defense to submit a report to the congressional defense committees not later than 90 days after the enactment of this act that includes proposals for compensation, allowances, and benefits for members of the reserve components who perform additional periods of active duty service for non-contingency operations that exceed the standard duty obligations required of service in a reserve component. These proposals should provide for compensation, allowances, and benefits commensurate with the additional duties assigned.

National Guard Cyber Protection Teams

The Army National Guard currently has 11 Cyber Protection Teams [CPT] with a plan to reach Full Operational Capability by fiscal year 2022. The Committee recognizes the National Guard's unique authority to provide cyberspace operations support to State and local agencies for domestic operations, supports additional CPTs and encourages the Army to investigate the viability of a CPT in each State's Guard.

Properly Budgeting for Full Requirements

During the review of the fiscal year 2018 President's budget request, the Air Force revealed to the Committee that it starts each fiscal year with nearly \$1,000,000,000 in programmatic shortfalls in its operation and maintenance account for must-pay mission bills. The increases in readiness funding provided by the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 have allowed the Air Force to close that gap; however, the Committee continues to discover examples of the Air Force not programming or budgeting for the full amount of known requirements.

This is not only evident in the larger programs such as Operational Support Airlift or Base Operations Support, but also very specific smaller programs such as the operational funding for the C-130H Weapons Instructor Course and the Advanced Airlift Tactics Training Center hosted by the 139th Airlift Wing with the Missouri Air National Guard. The Committee understands that the 139th Airlift Wing requirements have historically been sourced exclusively during the year of execution at the expense of other funded programs. Failure to properly budget resources for known requirements places unnecessary burdens on smaller programs, increases the probability of reprogramming requests, and often leads to an application of a tax against mission accounts to cover under-programmed requirements. The Committee recognizes the efforts made to improve the operation and maintenance budget formulation process to match historical execution and directs the Secretary of the Air Force to continue to emphasize properly programming resources in order to fully fund known requirements for the active, guard and reserve components.

Air Force Associate Units

The Committee recognizes the importance of Total Force Integration within the Air Force and certain Air National Guard units who have a critical role in construction and engineering. This integration ensures cross-component interoperability to fill current and future mission requirements. The Committee encourages the Air Force to continue placing an increased focus on actively managing associate units between the Air National Guard and the active duty component and to establish robust memorandum of agreements to ensure units are not left without equipment when the active component deploys.

Advanced Turbine Engine Army Maintenance [ATEAM]

The ATEAM is a military special repair activity located on Fort Riley, Kansas. The ATEAM provides rebuilt-AGT 1500 engines and X1100 transmissions in support of the Army National Guard, Army Material Command, the United States Marine Corps, the Tank and Automotive Command [TACOM], as well as foreign military partners.

The Committee is encouraged that the U.S. Army, National Guard Bureau, TACOM and Kansas National Guard are establishing a Memorandum of Agreement to facilitate the contracting of parts and equipment when workload obligations exceed the capacity of the Kansas National Guard. However, authorities for Title 32 Federal technicians are not well defined as it relates to work on foreign military sales contracts specifically, such as Full Up Power Pack repairs. The unclear policies have hampered the ability of the ATEAM to meet obligations and maintain workload.

Therefore, the Chief, National Guard Bureau, in coordination with the Secretary of the Army, is directed to conduct a review and establish policies that clearly define ATEAM authorities to fulfill obligations. The review shall inform a report addressing the following: (1) the duties and responsibilities of the U.S. Army, National Guard Bureau, TACOM and the Kansas National Guard for the ATEAM to meet obligations; (2) an ATEAM workforce transition plan and policies for work on foreign military sales contracts; and (3) a justification from the Chief, National Guard Bureau, in coordination with the Kansas National Guard, that certifies any change in the workforce of the ATEAM will not adversely affect the ATEAM's ability to meet existing and future obligations of the U.S. Army and foreign military sales contracts. The report and a briefing on its findings to

the House and Senate Appropriations Committees shall be completed not later 60 days after the enactment of this act.

AH-64 Apache Block IIIB New Build

The Committee recommendation includes \$1,184,687,000 for the procurement of AH-64 Apache Block IIIB New Build aircraft, an increase of \$720,000,000 above the budget request. The Secretary of the Army is encouraged to increase readiness by addressing the shortfall of aircraft in the Army National Guard Apache battalions.

UH-60 Black Hawk

The Committee recommendation includes \$1,308,310,000 for the procurement of 64 UH-60M Black Hawk aircraft, an increase of \$319,500,000 and 15 aircraft above the budget request. Of the 64 aircraft funded within the fiscal year 2019 President's budget request, 15 are designated only for the Army National Guard.

High-Priority Items

The Committee directs that the National Guard and Reserve Equipment account shall be executed by the Chiefs of the National Guard and reserve components with priority consideration given to the following items: Acoustic Hailing Devices, Arctic Sustainment Package, Cold Weather and Mountaineering Gear and Equipment, Commercial Off-the-Shelf Simulation Devices, Detect and Avoid Systems for MQ-9 Aircraft, Digital Radar Warning Receivers for F-16s, MQ-9 Deployable Launch & Recovery Element Mission Support Kits, Radiac Sets, and Small Unit Support Vehicles.

Commercial Off-the-Shelf Simulation Devices

The Committee commends the Army National Guard for its innovative approach to acquiring commercial off-the-shelf simulation devices. Utilizing COTS training devices enables the Guard to provide high quality, timely simulation training at an affordable cost. The Committee encourages the Guard to continue utilizing COTS simulation training devices and to consider a service and support business model for simulation training in order to maximize the benefits of modern, realistic training scenarios.

Behavioral and Mental Health Care for National Guard and Reserve

The Committee recognizes that the men and women of the National Guard and Reserve components need greater access to care if they are to maintain a high state of medical readiness to support regularly occurring deployments. It also recognizes that the suicide rate in the reserve components is consistently higher than the suicide rate for both the active duty military and the civilian population. Therefore, the Committee encourages the Department to better ensure that periodic health assessments are followed by medical treatment to address any behavioral or mental health conditions that could impact a servicemember's ability to deploy, even if such care falls outside of the pre-deployment window. This practice would allow for a more medically ready, deployable force and would expand access to behavioral and mental healthcare for reserve component servicemembers.