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FY20 Senate Appropriations Committee Defense Appropriations Act



As of September 13th, 2019

Bill Status

	Passed in Committee	Passed in Chamber	Final Passage	Signed into Law
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Executive Summary

This guide provides a short summary of the full committee markup for the Fiscal Year 2020 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 September 12, 2019, the Senate Appropriations Committee passed the FY20 Defense Appropriations Act. The Senate has yet to pass the bill. The bill appropriates \$622.5 billion for base defense spending and \$70.7 billion for OCO, for a total of \$694.9 billion. The total is \$20.5 billion above the fiscal 2019 level.

Highlights:

- Funds a 3.1% military pay raise
- Funds \$220M for National Guard Counter-Drug Program
- Funds National \$30M for National Guard Counter-Drug Schools
- Adds \$676M for 8 C-130J aircraft for the Air National Guard
- Adds \$75M for AESA Radar for National Guard
- Provides \$544M in NGREA funding for NGB (\$272M for ANG & ARNG) each
- Adds \$50M for National Guard Youth Challenge program
- Adds \$15M for STARBASE
- Adds \$14M for Innovative Readiness Training
- Adds \$38.5M for PFAS remediation in O&M funding
- Adds \$11M for Federal Tuition Assistance for ANG
- Adds \$289M for Operation Guardian Support funding
- Adds \$129M for C-130H modernization (\$74M for T-56 3.5 engine / \$55M for NP2000)

National Guard Accounts Overview

(All Dollars in Thousands)

Army National Guard	FY20 President's Budget Request	FY20 HAC-D Mark	Delta from Request	FY20 SAC-D Mark	Delta from Request	FY20 Conference
ARNG Personnel	\$8,808,305	\$8,664,535	-\$143,770	\$8,912,605	\$104,300	
ARNG Personnel OCO	\$202,644	\$202,644	-	\$202,644	-	
ARNG O&M	\$7,629,403	\$7,448,536	-\$180,867	\$7,588,903	-\$40,500	
ARNG O&M OCO	\$83,291	\$83,291	-	\$83,291	-	
NGREA	-	\$375,000	+\$375,000	\$272,000		

Air National Guard	FY20 President's Budget Request	FY20 HAC-D Mark	Delta from Request	FY20 SAC-D Mark	Delta from Request	FY20 Conference
ANG Personnel	\$4,063,845	\$4,032,521	-\$31,324	\$4,086,045	+\$22,200	
ANG Personnel OCO	\$5,624	\$5,624	-	\$5,624	-	
ANG O&M	\$6,727,229	\$6,602,589	-\$134,640	\$6,732,792	+\$5,563	
ANG O&M OCO	\$176,927	\$176,927	-	\$176,927	-	
NGREA	-	\$375,000	+\$375,000	\$272,000		

*HAC/SAC-D did not include the OCO for Base funding in their Mark. The Committee shifted the funding into base, which is represented in this summary.



Army National Guard

Army National Guard Personnel

(All Dollars in Thousands)

ARNG Personnel Appropriation	FY20 President's Budget Request	FY20 HAC-D Mark	Delta from Request	FY20 SAC-D Mark	Delta from Request	FY20 Conference
PAY GROUP A TRAINING (15 DAYS & DRILLS 24/48)	\$2,607,324	\$2,607,324	-	\$2,607,324	-	
PAY GROUP F TRAINING (RECRUITS)	\$539,742	\$539,742	-	\$539,742	-	
PAY GROUP P TRAINING (PIPELINE RECRUITS)	\$44,401	\$44,401	-	\$44,401	-	
SCHOOL TRAINING	\$529,639	\$529,639	-	\$529,639	-	
SPECIAL TRAINING	\$813,283	\$827,903 ^{1,2,3,4}	+\$14,620	\$818,283 ⁵	+\$5,000	
ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORT	\$4,182,249	\$4,182,249	-	\$4,182,749 ⁶	+\$500	
THRIFT SAVINGS PLAN MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS	\$19,194	\$19,194	-	\$19,194	-	
EDUCATION BENEFITS	\$72,473	\$72,473	-	\$72,473	-	
TOTAL, BUDGET ACTIVITY 1 (BAC-01)	\$8,808,305	\$8,822,925	+\$14,620	\$8,813,805	+\$5,500	
UNDISTRIBUTED ADJUSTMENT	-	-\$159,590	-\$159,590	-\$121,800 ^{7,8}	-\$121,800	
TRAUMA TRAINING	-	+\$1,200	+\$1,200	+\$1,100 ⁹	+\$1,100	
OPERATION GUARDIAN SUPPORT	-	-	-	+\$219,500 ¹⁰	+\$219,500	
TOTAL, ARNG PERSONNEL	\$8,808,305	\$8,664,535	-\$143,770	\$8,912,605	+\$104,300	

HAC-D & SAC-D Items

1. Program increase: SPP +\$1,620
2. Program increase: CMATs +\$2,000
3. Program increase: Critical Cybersecurity skillsets +\$1,000
4. Program increase: Northern Strike +\$10,000
5. Program increase: Wildfire training +\$5,000
6. Program increase: Preventative mental health program
7. Improving funds management: Revised budget estimate
8. Improving funds management: Rate adjustment
9. Program increase: Advanced trauma training
10. Program increase: Operation Guardian Support

Army National Guard Personnel (Overseas Contingency Operations)

ARNG Personnel (OCO) Appropriation	FY20 President's Budget Request	FY20 HAC-D Mark	Delta from Request	FY20 SAC-D Mark	Delta from Request	FY20 Conference
PAY GROUP A TRAINING (15 DAYS & DRILLS 24/48)	\$65,231	\$65,231	-	\$65,231	-	

SCHOOL TRAINING	\$3,324	\$3,324	-	\$3,324	-	
SPECIAL TRAINING	\$115,437	\$115,437	-	\$115,437	-	
ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORT	\$18,652	\$18,652	-	\$18,652	-	
TOTAL ARNG PERSONNEL (OCO)	\$202,644	\$202,644	-	\$202,644	-	

Army National Guard Operations & Maintenance

ARNG O&M Appropriation	FY20 President's Budget Request	FY20 HAC-D Mark	Delta from Request	FY20 SAC-D Mark	Delta from Request	FY20 Conference
MANEUVER UNITS	\$805,671*	\$797,671 ¹	-\$8,000	\$775,671 ¹³	-\$30,000	
MODULAR SUPPORT BRIGADES	\$195,334*	\$193,334 ²	-2,000	\$195,334	-	
ECHELONS ABOVE BRIGADE	\$771,048*	\$771,548 ³	-\$500	\$771,048	-	
THEATER LEVEL ASSETS	\$94,726*	\$91,826 ⁴	-\$2,900	\$94,726	-	
LAND FORCES OPERATIONS SUPPORT	\$33,696*	\$35,185 ^{5,6}	+\$1,489	\$33,696	-	
AVIATION ASSETS	\$981,819*	\$973,819 ⁷	-\$8,000	\$981,819	-	
FORCE READINESS OPERATIONS SUPPORT	\$743,206	\$743,206	-	\$745,106 ^{14,15}	+\$1,900	
LAND FORCES SYSTEMS READINESS	\$50,963	\$50,963	-	\$50,963	-	
LAND FORCES DEPOT MAINTENANCE	\$258,278*	249,778 ⁸	-\$8,500	\$258,278	-	
BASE OPERATIONS SUPPORT	\$1,153,076*	\$1,121,576 ⁹	-\$31,500	\$1,145,576 ^{16,17,18}	-\$7,500	
FACILITIES SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION, & MODERNIZATION	\$1,113,475	\$1,013,475 ¹⁰	-\$100,000	\$1,113,475	-	
MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONAL HQ	\$1,001,042	\$987,042 ¹¹	-\$14,000	\$986,042 ¹⁹	-\$15,000	
CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES – CYBERSPACE OPERATIONS	\$8,448	\$8,448	-	\$8,448	-	
CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES – CYBERSECURITY	\$7,768	7,768	-	\$7,768	-	
TOTAL, BUDGET ACTIVITY ONE (BAC-01)	\$7,218,550	\$7,044,639	-\$173,911	\$7,167,950	-\$50,600	
SERVICEWIDE TRANSPORTATION	\$9,890	\$9,890	-	\$9,890	-	
ADMINISTRATION	\$71,070	\$72,114 ¹²	+\$1,044	\$71,070	-	
SERVICEWIDE COMMUNICATIONS	\$68,213	\$68,213	-	\$62,213 ²⁰	-\$6,000	

MANPOWER MANAGEMENT	\$8,628	\$8,628	-	\$8,628	-	
RECRUITING AND ADVERTISING	\$250,376	\$250,376	-	\$250,376	-	
REAL ESTATE MANAGEMENT	\$2,676	\$2,676	-	\$2,676	-	
TOTAL, BUDGET ACTIVITY FOUR (BAC-04)	\$410,853	\$411,897	+\$1,044	\$404,853	-\$6,000	
RESTORE READINESS	-	+\$20,000	+\$20,000	-	-	
HISTORICAL UNOBLIGATION	-	-\$28,000	-\$28,000	-	-	
OVERESTIMATION OF CIVILIAN SUPPORT	-	-	-	-\$20,000 ²¹	-\$20,000	
OPERATION GUARDIAN SUPPORT	-	-	-	+\$36,100 ²²	+\$36,100	
TOTAL, ARNG O&M	\$7,629,403	\$7,448,536	-\$180,867	\$7,588,903	-\$40,500	

NOTE: * represent the total budget request from Base and OCO for Base in the President's Budget; OCO for Base was not included in the House or Senate Appropriations Mark

HAC-D & SAC-D Items

1. Excess growth: -\$8,000
2. Excess growth: -\$2,000
3. Excess growth: -\$500
4. Excess growth: -\$2,900
5. Program increase: advanced trauma training program: +\$489
6. Program increase: corrosion control: +\$1,000
7. Excess growth: -\$8,000
8. Insufficient justification: -\$8,500
9. Insufficient justification: -\$31,500
10. Insufficient justification: -\$100,000
11. Insufficient justification: -\$14,000
12. Program increase: SPP +\$1,044
13. Improving funds management: Unaccounted for: -\$30,000
14. Program increase: Advanced trauma training program: +\$900
15. Program increase: Wildfire training: +\$1,000
16. Maintain program affordability: Unjustified growth: -\$20,000
17. Program increase: PFAS remediation: +\$9,500
18. Program increase: Preventative mental health: +\$3,000
19. Improving funds management: Unaccounted for: -\$15,000
20. Improving funds management: Unaccounted for: -\$6,000
21. Maintain program affordability: Overestimation of civilian FTE targets: -\$20,000
22. Program increase: Operation Guardian Support: +\$36,100

Army National Guard Operations & Maintenance (Overseas Contingency Operations)

ARNG O&M (OCO) Appropriation	FY20 President's Budget Request	FY20 HAC-D Mark	Delta from Request	FY20 SAC-D Mark	Delta from Request	FY20 Conference
MANEUVER UNITS	\$45,896*	\$45,896*	-	\$45,896*	-	
MODULAR SUPPORT BRIGADES	\$180*	\$180*	-	\$180*	-	
ECHELONS ABOVE BRIGADE	\$2,982*	\$2,982*	-	\$2,982*	-	
THEATER LEVEL ASSETS	\$548*	\$548*	-	\$548*	-	
AVIATION ASSETS	\$9,229*	\$9,229*	-	\$9,229*	-	
FORCE READINESS OPERATIONS SUPPORT	\$1,584*	\$1,584*	-	\$1,584*	-	

BASE OPERATIONS SUPPORT	\$22,063*	\$22,063*	-	\$202,063*	-	
MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONAL HEADQUARTERS	\$606	\$606	-	\$606	-	
SERVICEWIDE COMMUNICATIONS	\$203	\$203	-	\$203	-	
TOTAL, ARNG O&M (OCO)	\$83,291	\$83,291	-	\$83,291	-	

Note: * Represent OCO for war request; OCO for Base was not included in this calculation



Air National Guard

Air National Guard Personnel

(All Dollars in Thousands)

ANG Personnel Appropriation	FY20 President's Budget Request	FY20 HAC-D Mark	Delta from Request	FY20 SAC-D Mark	Delta from Request	FY20 Conference
PAY GROUP A TRAINING (15 DAYS & DRILLS 24/48)	\$935,299	\$935,299	-	\$935,299	-	
PAY GROUP F TRAINING (RECRUITS)	\$81,644	\$81,644	-	\$81,644	-	
PAY GROUP P TRAINING (PIPELINE RECRUITS)	\$7,969	\$7,969	-	\$7,969	-	
SCHOOL TRAINING	\$357,890	\$357,890	-	\$357,890	-	
SPECIAL TRAINING	\$218,104	\$218,680 ¹	+\$576	\$220,104 ³	+\$2,000	
ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORT	\$2,438,963	\$2,438,963	-	\$2,439,463 ⁴	+\$500	
THRIFT SAVINGS PLAN MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS	10,083	\$10,083	-	\$10,083	-	
EDUCATION BENEFITS	\$13,893	\$13,893	-	\$13,893	-	
TOTAL, BUDGET ACTIVITY 1 (BAC-01)	\$4,603,845	\$4,064,421	+\$576	\$4,066,345	+\$2,500	
UNDISTRIBUTED ADJUSTMENT	-	-\$33,700 ²	-\$33,700	-\$12,200 ^{5,6}	-\$12,200	
TRAUMA TRAINING		+\$1,800	+\$1,800	+\$2,200 ⁷	+\$2,200	
OPERATION GUARDIAN SUPPORT	-	-	-	\$29,700 ⁸	+\$29,700	
Total, National Guard Personnel, Air Force	\$4,063,845	\$4,032,521	-\$31,324	\$4,086,045	+\$22,200	

HAC-D & SAC-D Items

1. Program increase: SPP +\$576
2. Historical unobligated balance: -\$1,000
3. Program increase: Wildfire training: +\$2,000
4. Program increase: Preventive mental health program: +\$500
5. Improving funds management: Revised budget estimate: -\$11,200
6. Improving funds management: Rate adjustment: -\$1,000
7. Program increase: Advanced trauma training
8. Program increase: Operation guardian Support

Air National Guard Personnel (Overseas Contingency Operations)

ANG Personnel (OCO) Appropriation	FY20 President's Budget Request	FY20 HAC-D Mark	Delta from Request	FY20 SAC-D Mark	Delta from Request	FY20 Conference
SPECIAL TRAINING	\$5,624	\$5,624	-	\$5,624	-	

**TOTAL, NATIONAL
GUARD PERSONNEL,
AIR FORCE (OCO)**

\$5,624

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Air National Guard Operations & Maintenance

ANG O&M Appropriation	FY20 President's Budget Request	FY20 HAC-D Mark	Delta from Request	FY20 SAC-D Mark	Delta from Request	FY20 Conference
AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS	\$2,497,967	\$2,419,267 ¹	-\$78,700	\$2,482,967 ¹¹	-\$15,000	
MISSION SUPPORT OPERATIONS	\$600,377	\$596,037 ^{2,3,4,5,6}	-\$4,340	\$612,477 ^{12,13, 14,15,16,17}	+\$12,100	
DEPOT MAINTENANCE	\$879,467*	\$867,467 ⁷	-\$12,000	\$879,467	-	
FACILITIES SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MODERNIZATION	\$400,734	\$395,134 ⁸	-\$5,600	\$401,902 ¹⁸	+\$1,168	
CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES	\$25,507	\$25,507	-	\$25,507	-	
CYBERSPACE SUSTAINMENT	\$24,742*	\$24,742	-	\$24,742	-	
CONTRACTOR LOGISTICS SUPPORT AND SYSTEM SUPPORT	\$1,299,089*	\$1,285,089 ⁹	-\$14,000	\$1,299,089	-	
BASE OPERATING SUPPORT	\$911,775	\$901,775 ¹⁰	-\$10,000	\$945,270 ^{19,20}	+\$33,495	
TOTAL, BUDGET ACTIVITY ONE (BAC-01)	\$6,639,658	\$6,515,018	-\$124,640	\$6,671,421	+\$31,763	
ADMINISTRATION	\$47,215	\$47,215	-	\$47,215	-	
RECRUITING AND ADVERTISING	\$40,356	\$40,356	-	\$40,356	-	
TOTAL, BUDGET ACTIVITY FOUR (BAC-04)	\$87,571	\$87,571	-	\$87,571	-	
RESTORE READINESS	-	+\$10,000	+\$10,000	-	-	
HISTORICAL UNOBLIGATION	-	-\$20,000	-\$20,000	-	-	
OVERESTIMATION OF CIVILIAN FTE TARGETS	-	-	-	-\$30,000 ²¹	-\$30,000	
OPERATION GUARDIAN SUPPORT	-	-	-	+\$3,800 ²²	+\$3,800	
TOTAL, O&M, AIR NATIONAL GUARD	\$6,727,229	\$6,592,589	-\$134,640	\$6,732,792	+\$5,563	

NOTE: * represent the total budget request from Base and OCO for Base in the President's Budget; OCO for Base was not included in the House and Senate Appropriations Mark

HAC-D & SAC-D Items

1. Insufficient justification: -\$78,700
2. Insufficient justification: -\$15,000
3. Program increase: SPP +\$360
4. Program increase: State Partnership virtual language project +\$500
5. Program increase: trauma training program +\$1,800
6. Program increase: JTAC training +\$8,000
7. Excess growth: -\$12,000
8. Insufficient Justification: -\$5,600
9. Excess growth: -\$14,000
10. Insufficient justification: -\$10,000
11. Maintain program affordability: Projected under execution: -\$15,000
12. Improving funds management: Unaccounted for: -\$12,000
13. Program increase: Joint Terminal Attack Controller training: +\$8,000
14. Program increase: Tuition assistance: +\$10,800
15. Program increase: Advanced trauma training program: +\$1,800
16. Program increase: Wildfire training: +\$500
17. Program increase: Preventative mental health: +\$3,000
18. Program increase: Range expansion: +\$1,168
19. Transfer, Air Force-requested transfer from **O&M** Air Force for environmental compliance
20. Program increase: PFAS remediation: +\$29,000
21. Maintain program affordability: Overestimation of civilian FTE targets
22. Program increase: Operation Guardian Support

Air National Guard Operations & Maintenance (Overseas Contingency Operations)

ANG O&M (OCO) Appropriation	FY20 President's Budget Request	FY20 HAC-D Mark	Delta from Request	FY20 SAC-D Mark	Delta from Request	FY20 Conference
MISSION SUPPORT OPERATIONS	\$3,666*	\$3,666*	-	\$3,666*	-	
DEPOT MAINTENANCE	\$66,944*	\$66,944*	-	\$66,944*	-	
CONTRACTOR LOGISTICS SUPPORT AND SYSTEM	\$93,620*	\$93,620*	-	\$93,620*	-	
BASE SUPPORT	\$12,679*	\$12,679*	-	\$12,679*	-	
TOTAL, ANG O&M (OCO)	\$176,909*	\$176,909	-	\$176,909		

Note: * represent OCO for war request; OCO for Base was not included in this calculation

Legislative Provisions

Sec. 8053. National Guard Distance Learning -

Retains a provision carried in previous years.

Report Language

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.

National Guard Cyber Units -

The Committee is aware of the critical capability that the National Guard provides to state governments, and in support of the Defense Department's national cyber defense mission. The Committee strongly urges the Department to prioritize continued development of cyber capabilities within the National Guard, and ensure cyber capabilities in every State.

The Committee directs the Secretary of Defense to use the normal prior approval reprogramming procedures to transfer funds in the services' operation and maintenance accounts between 0-1 budget activities, or between sub activity groups in the case of Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide, in excess of \$15,000,000. In addition, the Secretary of Defense shall follow prior approval reprogramming procedures for transfers in excess of \$15,000,000 out of the following readiness sub-activity groups: Air National Guard: Aircraft operations.

Additionally, the Committee directs the Secretary of Defense to use normal prior approval reprogramming procedures when implementing transfers in excess of \$15,000,000 into the following budget sub-activities: Operation and Maintenance, Army National Guard: Other personnel support/recruiting and advertising.

Drinking Water Contamination -

The Committee remains concerned about the health implications of contaminated drinking water due to perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances [PFAS]. The Committee worked with the military services to assess unfunded executable requirements in fiscal year 2020 due to issues associated PFAS and provided additional funding accordingly. The Committee intends to aggressively follow up with the services on procedures for timely

remediation and community notification. For the National Guard, the Committee has increased funding for such purposes in the operation and maintenance accounts. However, the Committee acknowledges that section 319 included in S. 1790, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020, as passed by the Senate, proposes the establishment of environmental restoration accounts for the National Guard components and may consider transferring the increases to the new accounts pending the outcome of National Defense Authorization Act conference Negotiations.

Air National Guard Tuition Assistance -

The Committee supports the establishment of an Air National Guard tuition assistance program similar to that of the Army National Guard and encourages the Chief, National Guard Bureau to include the tuition assistance program for both the Army and Air Guard in its future budget requests.

Joint Force Headquarters Analysis Cells -

Intelligence Fusion Centers are information sharing hubs that provide threat-related information between Federal, State, local and tribal agencies. The Kansas Intelligence Fusion Center, established in 2009, is one such center whose mission focuses on counterterrorism, cybersecurity and biological threats through a decentralized approach where State direction allows private stakeholders the flexibility to determine which critical infrastructure areas merit the dedication of resources. The Committee recognizes that the National Guard Bureau is developing a Joint Force Headquarters Analysis Cell concept to expand State-level intelligence capabilities. As this work progresses, the Committee encourages the Chief, National Guard Bureau to consult with State-level entities such as the Kansas National Guard to integrate key aspects of concepts that have already proved successful at the State level.

Air National Guard C-17 Assault Strip -

Camp Shelby Auxiliary Field, owned by the Mississippi Air National Guard, includes an assault landing strip that was specifically designed and built to satisfy C-17 tactical training requirements. The assault landing training facility currently serves multiple C-17 units in the Midwest and Southeast region but it was originally constructed to meet the training demands of the Air National Guard's 172nd Airlift Wing, which is responsible for funding its operational costs. The Committee encourages the Chief, National Guard Bureau to prioritize small investments necessary for annual operation and maintenance for assault landing strip facilities such as Camp Shelby Auxiliary Field to ensure future proficiency and long-term capability.

C-J30J Aircraft for the Air National Guard -

The Committee directs the Secretary of the Air Force to provide a report to the congressional defense committees not later than 180 days after the enactment of this act with an updated beddown plan that transitions Air National Guard C-130H aircraft to C-130J aircraft by fiscal year and location. The plan shall include efforts to preserve Air National Guard missions during the transition period between aircraft

Cold Weather Aviation System -

The Committee supports fielding the Cold Weather Aviation System to both the Air Force and the Air National Guard and encourages the Air Force Secretary to work with the Chief,

National Guard Bureau to evaluate simultaneously fielding the uniform to reduce unit costs and to protect air crews.

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.

NGREA 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; Cold Weather and Mountaineering Gear and Equipment, including Small unit Support Vehicles; Counter-VAS Systems; Crashworthy, Ballistically Tolerant Auxiliary Fuel Systems; Detect and Avoid Systems for MQ-9 Aircraft; HMMWV Modernization; MQ-9 Deployable Launch & Recovery Element Mission Support Kits; and Solar Mobile Power Systems. *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; Cold Weather and Mountaineering Gear and Equipment, including Small Vnit Support Vehicles; Counter-VAS Systems; Crashworthy, Ballistically Tolerant Auxiliary Fuel Systems; Detect and Avoid Systems for MQ-9 Aircraft; HMMWV Modernization; MQ-9 Deployable Launch & Recovery Element Mission Support Kits; and Solar Mobile Power Systems.

National Guard Preventative Mental Health Program -

The Committee recognizes the importance of building a holistic mental health fitness model to reduce suicide, remove stigma for help-seeking behavior, and fortify individuals before they experience highstress events. The National Guard Bureau's Warrior Readiness and Fitness program was created to coordinate and enhance mental health efforts across the National Guard at the Federal and State levels in order to improve readiness and build resiliency in servicemembers. The Committee recommends additional funding for National Guard preventative mental health programs and directs the Chief, National Guard Bureau to submit a report not later than 180 days after the enactment of this act with a plan to establish a permanent office for mental health that shall report to the Chief directly.

Large-Scale National Guard Exercises -

Full spectrum combat readiness for the National Guard is enhanced by participating in combined live fire exercises that emphasize close air support, joint fire support, air mobility, and ground maneuver components. Exercises such as Northern Strike, hosted

annually by the Michigan National Guard, provide an opportunity to maximize the full-spectrum combat readiness of National Guard units through realistic, cost-effective joint fires training in an adaptable environment, with an emphasis on joint and coalition force cooperation. The Committee encourages the Chief, National Guard Bureau to continue to prioritize large-scale exercises that include international partners and align with the National Defense Strategy.

State Partnership Program -

The State Partnership Program [SPP] has been successfully building relationships for over 25 years by linking a State's National Guard with the armed forces or equivalent of a partner country in a cooperative, mutually beneficial relationship. It includes 75 unique security partnerships involving 81 nations around the globe. The Committee recognizes the importance of SPP and encourages continued robust support of this important partnership program.

National Guard Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Response Forces -

Every state, especially those in close proximity to the national capital region, must be prepared for chemical, biological, radiological or nuclear [CBRN] threats. The Committee encourages the Secretary of Defense to continue to place a high priority on CBRN Response Forces to increase Department of Defense overall domestic disaster response readiness.

The appropriation includes direction for the component commanders of the Army Reserve, Marine Forces Reserve, Air Force Reserve, Army National Guard and Air National Guard to submit to the congressional defense committees a detailed assessment of their component's modernization priorities, not later than 30 days after enactment of this act.

The Committee recommends an additional \$1,100,000,000 in title IX of this act to be transferred to the operation and maintenance accounts and be divided proportionately among the services and the National Guard and reserve components. This funding shall be used only to improve military readiness, including increased training, depot maintenance, and base operations support. None of the funding provided may be used for recruiting, marketing, or advertising programs. The funding provided is a congressional special interest item. The Secretary of Defense and the Service Secretaries are directed to submit a detailed spending plan by sub-activity group to the House and Senate Appropriations Committees not less than 30 days prior to the obligation of these funds. These transfers may be implemented 30 days after congressional notification unless