

“(A) a term of national service as a Team Leader or Member, as described in paragraph (1) or (4) of section 155(b), in the AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps program component described in section 153;

“(B) a period of service of not less than one year as a volunteer or designated volunteer leader under part A of title I of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4950 et seq.); or

“(C) not less than 1,700 hours of service under section 139(b)(1) as a participant under section 137.

“(2) RELIANCE ON OTHER CERTIFICATIONS.—In making any certification under paragraph (1), the Chief Executive Officer may rely on a certification made by the entity that selected the individual for, and supervised the individual in, the activity described in subparagraph (A), (B), or (C) of such paragraph.

“(3) ERRONEOUS OR INCORRECT CERTIFICATION.—If the Chief Executive Officer determines that a certification under paragraph (1) is erroneous or incorrect, the Corporation shall, after considering the full facts and circumstances surrounding the erroneous or incorrect certification, take action as permitted under law.

“(e) PERIOD OF APPOINTMENT.—The head of any agency may make an appointment of an individual under subsection (b)—

“(1) not later than 1 year after the date of completion by the individual of an activity described in subparagraph (A), (B), or (C) of subsection (d)(1); or

“(2) not later than 3 years after such date in the case of an individual who, following such service, was engaged—

“(A) in military service,

“(B) in the pursuit of studies at a recognized institution of higher learning, or

“(C) in other activities that, as determined by the head of such agency, warrant an extended time period.”.

(b) DOMESTIC VOLUNTEER SERVICE ACT OF 1973.—Section 415 of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 5055) is amended by striking subsection (d).

SA 2985. Ms. BUTLER (for herself and Mrs. BRITT) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 4638, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2025 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle H of title X, insert the following:

SEC. 10 . IMPROVE INITIATIVE.

Part B of title IV of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 284 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“SEC. 409K. IMPROVE INITIATIVE.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the National Institutes of Health, in consultation with the Director the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, shall establish a program to be known as the Implementing a Maternal health and PRegnancy Outcomes Vision for Everyone Initiative (referred to in this section as the ‘Initiative’).

“(b) DUTIES.—The Initiative shall—

“(1) advance research to—

“(A) reduce preventable causes of maternal mortality and severe maternal morbidity;

“(B) reduce health disparities related to maternal health outcomes, including such disparities associated with medically underserved populations; and

“(C) improve health for pregnant and postpartum women before, during, and after pregnancy;

“(2) use an integrated approach to understand the factors, including biological, behavioral, and other factors, that affect maternal mortality and severe maternal morbidity by building an evidence base for improved outcomes in specific regions of the United States; and

“(3) target health disparities associated with maternal mortality and severe maternal morbidity by—

“(A) implementing and evaluating community-based interventions for disproportionately affected women; and

“(B) identifying risk factors and the underlying biological mechanisms associated with leading causes of maternal mortality and severe maternal morbidity in the United States.

“(c) IMPLEMENTATION.—The Director of the Institute may award grants or enter into contracts, cooperative agreements, or other transactions to carry out subsection (a).

“(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$53,400,000 for each of fiscal years 2025 through 2031.”.

SA 2986. Mr. CORNYN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 4638, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2025 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle C of title X, add the following:

SEC. 1027. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING NAMING OF NAVAL VESSEL IN HONOR OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL RICHARD E. CAREY.

(a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that the Secretary of the Navy should name the Spearhead-class expeditionary fast transport vessel of the United States Navy that has been ordered (Hull Number T-EPF-16) in honor of Lieutenant General Richard E. Carey for the acts of valor described in subsection (b).

(b) ACTS OF VALOR.—The acts of valor described in this subsection are as follows:

(1) In September 1950 in Korea, Lieutenant General Richard E. Carey participated in the Inchon Landing, captured communist forces, and led his rifle platoon to Seoul. Three months later, on East Hill at the Chosin Reservoir, Carey hurled grenades at Chinese forces. Carey and his fellow Marines were outnumbered eight to one. They held their ground and broke through the Chinese trap to the sea.

(2) Carey remained in the fight until March 1951. While commanding a platoon of machine gunners, Carey was badly wounded. He continued leading his troops and initially refused to get aid for his injuries. Carey's wounds required hospitalization. During 189 days in Korea, Carey had seven near-death experiences. As a result of his actions in Korea, Carey received the Silver Star, the Bronze Star, and the Purple Heart.

(3) Returning to the United States, Carey earned a flight training slot and became a fighter pilot. In the early 1960s, Carey scouted Marine Corps airfield sites in Vietnam. He returned to Vietnam in the summer of 1967 and served during the Tet Offensive. Carey flew 204 combat sorties, earning the Distinguished Flying Cross and 16 Air Medals.

SA 2987. Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. WELCH, and Mr. RISCH) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 4638, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2025 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle H of title X, add the following:

SEC. 1095. POST-EMPLOYMENT RESTRICTIONS ON OFFICIALS IN POSITIONS SUBJECT TO SENATE CONFIRMATION.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the “Conflict-free Leaving Employment and Activity Restrictions Path Act” or the “CLEAR Path Act”.

(b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) Congress and the executive branch have recognized the importance of preventing and mitigating the potential for conflicts of interest following government service, including with respect to senior United States officials working on behalf of foreign governments; and

(2) Congress and the executive branch should jointly evaluate the status and scope of post-employment restrictions.

(c) POST-EMPLOYMENT RESTRICTIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 207 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(m) EXTENDED POST-EMPLOYMENT RESTRICTIONS FOR OFFICIALS IN POSITIONS SUBJECT TO SENATE CONFIRMATION.—

“(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

“(A) COUNTRY OF CONCERN.—The term ‘country of concern’ has the meaning given the term in section 1(m) of the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 (22 U.S.C. 2651a(m)).

“(B) FOREIGN GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY.—The term ‘foreign governmental entity’ has the meaning given the term in section 1(m) of the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 (22 U.S.C. 2651a(m)).

“(C) REPRESENT.—The term ‘represent’ does not include representation by an attorney, who is duly licensed and authorized to provide legal advice in a United States jurisdiction, of a person or entity in a legal capacity or for the purposes of rendering legal advice.

“(D) SENATE-CONFIRMED POSITION.—The term ‘Senate-confirmed position’ means a position in a department or agency of the executive branch of the United States for which appointment is required to be made by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

“(2) AGENCY HEADS, DEPUTY HEADS, AND OTHER POSITIONS SUBJECT TO SENATE CONFIRMATION.—With respect to a person serving as the head or deputy head of, or serving in any Senate-confirmed position in, a department or agency of the executive branch of the United States, the restrictions described in subsection (f)(1) shall apply to any such person who knowingly represents, aids, or advises—

“(A) a foreign governmental entity before an officer or employee of the executive or legislative branch of the United States with the intent to influence a decision of the officer or employee in carrying out his or her official duties for 2 years after the termination of the person's service in that position; or

“(B) a foreign governmental entity of a country of concern before an officer or employee of the executive or legislative branch of the United States with the intent to influence a decision of the officer or employee in

carrying out his or her official duties at any time after the termination of the person's service in that position.

“(3) NOTICE OF RESTRICTIONS.—Any person subject to the restrictions under this subsection shall be provided notice of these restrictions by the relevant department or agency—

“(A) upon appointment by the President; and

“(B) upon termination of service with the relevant department or agency.

“(4) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The restrictions under this subsection shall apply only to persons who are appointed by the President to the positions referenced in this section on or after the date of enactment of the Conflict-free Leaving Employment and Activity Restrictions Path Act.

“(5) SUNSET.—The restrictions under this subsection shall expire on the date that is 5 years after the date of enactment of the Conflict-free Leaving Employment and Activity Restrictions Path Act.”.

(2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 1(m) of the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 (22 U.S.C. 2651a(m)) is amended—

(A) by redesignating paragraphs (6) and (7) as paragraphs (7) and (8), respectively; and

(B) by inserting after paragraph (5) the following:

“(6) RELATION TO GOVERNMENT-WIDE RESTRICTIONS.—This subsection shall not apply to a person by reason of the person's service in a position referenced in this subsection if the person is subject to the restrictions under section 207(m) of title 18, United States Code, by reason of the same service.”.

(d) MECHANISM TO AMEND DEFINITION OF “COUNTRY OF CONCERN”.—Section 1(m) of the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 (22 U.S.C. 2651a(m)), as amended by subsection (c)(2), is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(9) MODIFICATION TO DEFINITION OF ‘COUNTRY OF CONCERN’.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State may, in consultation with the Attorney General, propose the addition or deletion of countries described in paragraph (1)(A).

“(B) SUBMISSION.—Any proposal described in subparagraph (A) shall—

“(i) be submitted to the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives; and

“(ii) become effective upon enactment of a joint resolution of approval as described in subparagraph (C).

“(C) JOINT RESOLUTION OF APPROVAL.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of subparagraph (B)(ii), the term ‘joint resolution of approval’ means only a joint resolution—

“(I) that does not have a preamble;

“(II) that includes in the matter after the resolving clause the following: ‘That Congress approves the modification of the definition of “country of concern” under section 1(m) of the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956, as submitted by the Secretary of State on ____; and section 1(m)(1)(A) of the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 (22 U.S.C. 2651a(m)(1)(A)) is amended by ____’, the blank spaces being appropriately filled in with the appropriate date and the amendatory language required to modify the list of countries in paragraph (1)(A) of this subsection by adding or deleting 1 or more countries; and

“(III) the title of which is as follows: ‘Joint resolution approving modifications to definition of “country of concern” under section 1(m) of the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956.’.

“(ii) REFERRAL.—

“(I) SENATE.—A resolution described in clause (i) that is introduced in the Senate shall be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate.

“(II) HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—A resolution described in clause (i) that is introduced in the House of Representatives shall be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives.”.

SA 2988. Mr. CORNYN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 4638, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2025 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle A of title XII, add the following:

SEC. 1216. LIMITED EXCEPTION TO FUNDING PROHIBITION FOR FOREIGN SECURITY FORCES THAT HAVE COMMITTED A GROSS VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

Section 362(b) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by striking “has taken all necessary corrective steps,” and inserting “is taking effective steps to bring the responsible members of the security forces unit to justice,”.

SA 2989. Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Ms. CORTEZ MASTO) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 4638, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2025 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle B of title VI, insert the following:

SEC. 615. TERMINATION OF OBLIGATION TO REPAY BONUSES OF MEMBERS SEPARATED FOR REFUSING COVID-19 VACCINE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—A former member of the Armed Forces who was separated from the Armed Forces solely because the former member refused to obtain a COVID-19 vaccine shall be released from any obligation to repay the prorated portion of any bonus received by the former member for any period of obligated service on or after January 10, 2023.

(b) REIMBURSEMENT OF REPAYMENTS.—A former member of the Armed Forces described in subsection (a) who, before the date of the enactment of this Act, repaid any of the prorated portion of a bonus described in that subsection shall be reimbursed for such repayment.

SA 2990. Mr. CORNYN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 4638, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2025 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle E of title VII, add the following:

SEC. 750. REGENERATIVE MEDICINE TECHNOLOGIES STRATEGY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than May 1, 2025, the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, in coordination with the Surgeons General of the Armed Forces and the Joint Staff Surgeon, shall develop a strategy for regenerative medicine technologies to support health of and return to duty by members of the Armed Forces following traumatic injuries sustained in training and combat operations.

(b) ELEMENTS.—The strategy required under subsection (a) shall, at a minimum—

(1) focus on addressing medical challenges experienced by members of the Armed Forces in training and combat operations in which regenerative medicine technologies, including anatomically-precise therapeutics, can be used to treat vertebral, orthopedic, craniofacial, and musculoskeletal injuries;

(2) identify partnerships with academic medical centers, industry, nonprofit organizations, and small businesses in regenerative medicine to support existing and future medical requirements of members of the Armed Forces;

(3) identify laboratory and medical product development requirements of the Department of Defense, including research and development, to support transition and fielding of regenerative medicine technologies;

(4) identify gaps in regenerative medicine capabilities and actions needed to close or mitigate those gaps; and

(5) provide recommendations to transition regenerative medicine technologies into clinical practice to treat vertebral, orthopedic, craniofacial, and musculoskeletal injuries sustained in training and combat operations.

(c) BRIEFING.—Not later than 30 days after completion of the strategy required under subsection (a), the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs shall provide to the congressional defense committees a briefing on the strategy.

SA 2991. Mr. CORNYN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 4638, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2025 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle F of title III, add the following:

SEC. 358. PROCUREMENT OF SOFTWARE AS A SERVICE AND DATA AS A SERVICE FOR PURPOSES OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE SYSTEMS.

(a) USE OF FUNDS.—The Secretary of Defense may use amounts made available to the Secretary for operation and maintenance to procure software as a service and data as a service and modify software to include artificial intelligence systems to meet the operational needs of the Department of Defense.

(b) REVISION OF REGULATIONS.—The Secretary of Defense shall revise or develop regulations as necessary to implement this section, which shall include regulations governing the procurement and modification of software, data, and artificial intelligence systems, and the oversight of such procurement and modification.

(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) SOFTWARE.—The term “software” has the meaning given that term under the Federal Acquisition Regulation maintained under section 1303(a)(1) of title 41, United States Code, and includes non-commercial,