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H. R. 4343

To amend title 10, United States Code, to authorize certain retired members of the Armed Forces to be placed in the Ready Reserve and to receive retired pay and the pay and allowances for duty that member performs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 1, 2021

Mr. WENSTRUP (for himself and Mr. PANETTA) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Patriot Retention
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. AUTHORITY TO PLACE CERTAIN RETIRED MEM-**
2 **BERS OF THE ARMED FORCES IN THE READY**
3 **RESERVE; PAY.**

4 (a) PLACEMENT OF CERTAIN MEMBERS IN THE
5 READY RESERVE.—Section 10145 of such title is amend-
6 ed by adding at the end the following new subsection:

7 “(e)(1) Under such regulations as the Secretary con-
8 cerned may prescribe, a retired member of a regular com-
9 ponent entitled to retired pay may be placed in the Ready
10 Reserve if the Secretary concerned—

11 “(A) determines that the retired member has
12 more than 20 years of creditable service in that reg-
13 ular component; and

14 “(B) makes a special finding that the member
15 possesses a skill in which the Ready Reserve of the
16 armed force concerned has a critical shortage of per-
17 sonnel.

18 “(2) The authority of the Secretary concerned under
19 paragraph (1) may not be delegated—

20 “(A) to a civilian officer or employee of the
21 military department concerned below the level of As-
22 sistant Secretary; or

23 “(B) to a member of the armed forces below
24 the level of the lieutenant general or vice admiral in
25 an armed force with responsibility for military per-
26 sonnel policy in that armed force.”.

1 (b) PAY FOR DUTIES PERFORMED IN THE READY
2 RESERVE IN ADDITION TO RETIRED PAY.—Section
3 12316 of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

4 (1) by adding at the end the following new sub-
5 section:

6 “(c) A member placed in the Ready Reserve pursuant
7 to section 10145(e) of this title may receive—

8 “(1) retired pay; and

9 “(2) the pay and allowances authorized by law
10 for duty that member performs.”; and

11 (2) in subsection (a), by striking “subsection
12 (b)” and inserting “subsections (b) and (c)”.

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