

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1935

To direct the Secretary of Defense to reassign 95 percent of the members of the National Guard deployed to the National Capital Region to the southern land border of the United States, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 16, 2021

Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina (for himself and Mr. BIGGS) 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 “Guard the Border
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REASSIGNMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL**
2 **GUARD DEPLOYED TO THE NATIONAL CAP-**
3 **ITAL REGION.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 14 days after the
5 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
6 shall reassign 95 percent of covered members to support
7 U.S. Customs and Border Protection in—

8 (1) securing the southern land border of the
9 United States; and

10 (2) management and care for migrants at such
11 border.

12 (b) STUDY; REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after
13 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
14 Defense shall submit to Congress a report containing the
15 results of a study assessing the effects of the reassignment
16 under subsection (a).

17 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

18 (1) The term “covered duty” means duty per-
19 formed—

20 (A) in the National Capital Region; and

21 (B) in support of the mission in response
22 to the attacks on January 6, 2021, on the Cap-
23 itol Buildings and the United States Capitol
24 Grounds (described in sections 5101 and 5102
25 of title 40, United States Code).

1 (2) The term “covered member” means a mem-
2 ber of the National Guard deployed to the National
3 Capital Region—

4 (A) on or after January 6, 2021; and

5 (B) to perform covered duty.

6 (3) The term “National Capital Region” has
7 the meaning given that term in section 2674 of title
8 10, United States Code.

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