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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. RANDALL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. PROVISION OF INFORMATION REGARDING RE-**
2 **LOCATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FOR**
3 **MEMBERS RECEIVING ORDERS FOR A**
4 **CHANGE OF PERMANENT STATION.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1056 of title 10, United
6 States Code, is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (b)(2)—

8 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “and
9 community orientation” and inserting “commu-
10 nity orientation, education systems, school en-
11 rollment procedures, and State-specific provi-
12 sions under the Interstate Compact on Edu-
13 cational Opportunity for Military Children”;

14 (B) in subparagraph (C), by striking “and
15 community orientation” and inserting “commu-
16 nity orientation, and educational resources for
17 dependent children, including school transition
18 assistance, academic continuity, and special
19 education services”; and

20 (C) by adding at the end the following new
21 subparagraph:

22 “(E) Educational planning and support services
23 for dependent children with disabilities, including
24 procedures for transferring individualized education
25 programs and coordinating with the Exceptional
26 Family Member Program.”;

1 (2) by redesignating subsections (e) and (f) as
2 subsections (f) and (g), respectively; and

3 (3) by inserting after subsection (d) the fol-
4 lowing new subsection:

5 “(e) PROVISION OF INFORMATION ON PROGRAM.—

6 (1) The Secretary of Defense shall ensure that members
7 of the armed forces and the families of those members
8 are provided information regarding available assistance
9 under this section and any other assistance relating to a
10 change of permanent station available under any other
11 provision of law.

12 “(2) The Secretary shall ensure that information re-
13 quired to be provided under this subsection is provided to
14 a member of the armed forces and the family of that mem-
15 ber not later than 45 days before the date on which a
16 change of permanent station takes effect for that member.

17 “(3) The information provided under this subsection
18 shall include—

19 “(A) information on family assistance programs
20 authorized under section 1788 of this title, including
21 financial planning resources, spouse employment
22 support, and community integration services;

23 “(B) guidance on available housing assistance,
24 including on-base housing options, rental protec-
25 tions, and resources for off-base relocation;

1 “(C) mental health and well-being support serv-
2 ices, including those accessible during the period of
3 transition for a change of permanent station;

4 “(D) educational resources for dependent chil-
5 dren, including school transition assistance and spe-
6 cial education services;

7 “(E) information on available legal and finan-
8 cial counseling programs; and

9 “(F) any other assistance programs that sup-
10 port members of the armed forces and their families
11 during relocation.

12 “(4) The Secretary of Defense shall—

13 “(A) incorporate the information required to be
14 provided under this subsection into accessible mate-
15 rials and briefings provided to members of the
16 armed forces relating to a change of permanent sta-
17 tion;

18 “(B) ensure that the program under this sec-
19 tion provides accessible materials and briefings at
20 military installations and through online resources;

21 “(C) develop a communication strategy, includ-
22 ing digital outreach and printed materials, to in-
23 crease awareness of the program under this section
24 and assistance available under other provisions of
25 law relating to a change of permanent station; and

1 “(D) assess the satisfaction of members of the
2 armed forces and their families with the information
3 provided under this subsection.”.

4 (b) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date
5 of enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter for three
6 years, the Secretary of Defense shall provide to the Com-
7 mittees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House
8 of Representatives a briefing on the implementation of the
9 amendments made by this section. Such briefing shall in-
10 clude—

11 (1) the status of efforts to integrate informa-
12 tion required to be provided by subsection (e) of sec-
13 tion 1056 of title 10, United States Code, as added
14 by subsection (a) of this section, into accessible ma-
15 terials and briefings provided to members of the
16 armed forces and their families relating to a change
17 of permanent station;

18 (2) an assessment of the awareness by members
19 of the armed forces and their families of available
20 programs in support of a change of permanent sta-
21 tion; and

22 (3) any recommendations of the Secretary for
23 improving the dissemination of information related
24 to relocation and family assistance programs.