

CONFERENCE REPORT STATEMENT

Codification of requirement relating to Government performance of critical acquisition functions (sec. 824)

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 814) that would codify section 820 of the John Warner National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007 (Public Law 109-364), regarding government performance of critical acquisition functions.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with an amendment adding certain positions to the list of critical acquisition functions, as requested by the Department of Defense.

SEC. 824. CODIFICATION OF REQUIREMENT RELATING TO GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE OF CRITICAL ACQUISITION FUNCTIONS.

(a) CODIFICATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter I of chapter 23 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

“§ 1706. Government performance of certain acquisition functions

“(a) GOAL.—It shall be the goal of the Department of Defense and each of the military departments to ensure that, for each major defense acquisition program and each major automated information system program, each of the following positions is performed by a properly qualified member of the armed forces or full-time employee of the Department of Defense:

“(1) Program executive officer.

“(2) Deputy program executive officer.

“(3) Program manager.

“(4) Deputy program manager.

“(5) Senior contracting official.

“(6) Chief developmental tester.

“(7) Program lead product support manager.

“(8) Program lead systems engineer.

“(9) Program lead cost estimator.

“(10) Program lead contracting officer.

“(11) Program lead business financial manager.

“(12) Program lead production, quality, and manufacturing.

“(13) Program lead information technology.

“(b) PLAN OF ACTION.—The Secretary of Defense shall develop and implement a plan of action for recruiting, training, and ensuring appropriate career development of military and civilian personnel to achieve the objective established in subsection (a).

“(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

“(1) The term ‘major defense acquisition program’ has the meaning given such term in section 2430(a) of this title.

“(2) The term ‘major automated information system program’ has the meaning given such term in section 2445a(a) of this title.”.

(2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of such subchapter is amended by adding at the end the following new item:

“1706. Government performance of certain acquisition functions.”.

(b) REPEAL OF SUPERSEDED SECTION.—Section 820 of the John Warner National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007 (Public Law 109–364; 10 U.S.C. 1701 note) is repealed.

HOUSE/HASC REPORT LANGUAGE

Section 814—Codification of Requirement Relating To Government Performance of Critical Acquisition Functions

This section would codify section 820 of the John Warner National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007 (Public Law 109–364), relating to Government performance of critical acquisition functions, as a new section in subchapter I of chapter 87 of title 10, United States Code.

~~JOHN WARNER NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007 (PUBLIC LAW 109–364) SEC. 820. GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE OF CRITICAL ACQUISITION FUNCTIONS.~~

- ~~(a) GOAL.—It shall be the goal of the Department of Defense and each of the military departments to ensure that, within five years after the date of the enactment of this Act, for each major defense acquisition program and each major automated information system program, each of the following positions is performed by a properly qualified member of the Armed Forces or full-time employee of the Department of Defense:~~
- ~~(1) Program manager.~~
 - ~~(2) Deputy program manager.~~
 - ~~(3) Chief engineer.~~
 - ~~(4) Systems engineer.~~
 - ~~(5) Cost estimator.~~
- ~~(b) PLAN OF ACTION.—Not later than six months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall develop and begin implementation of a plan of action for recruiting, training, and ensuring appropriate career development of military and civilian personnel to achieve the objective established in subsection (a). The plan of action required by this subsection shall include specific, measurable interim milestones.~~
- ~~(c) REPORTS.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act and each year thereafter, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on the progress made by the Department of Defense and the military departments toward achieving the goal established in subsection (a).~~
- ~~(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:~~

- ~~(1) The term “major defense acquisition program” has the meaning given such term in section 2430(a) of title 10, United States Code.~~
- ~~(2) The term “major automated information system program” has the meaning given such term in section 2445a(a) of title 10, United States Code (as added by section 816 of this Act).~~