Additional reporting requirements relating to personnel and unit readiness (sec. 331)

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 331) that would amend the report required under section 482 of title 10, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Defense to report to the congressional defense committees on the ability of the geographic and functional combatant commanders to successfully meet their respective contingency and operational plans and key mission essential tasks.

The Senate committee-reported bill contained a similar provision (sec. 332) that would amend section 482 of title 10, United States Code, to update and streamline the quarterly readiness report to Congress.

The agreement includes the House provision with a clarifying amendment that would combine both provisions and would amend section 482 of title 10, United States Code.

SEC. 331. ADDITIONAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO PERSONNEL AND UNIT READINESS.

(a) ASSESSMENT OF ASSIGNED MISSIONS AND CONTRACTOR SUPPORT.—Section 482 of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) by striking ‘‘The report for a quarter’’ and inserting ‘‘Each report’’; and

(B) by striking ‘‘(e), and (f)’’ and inserting ‘‘(f), (g), (h), (i), (j), and (k), and the reports for the second and fourth quarters of a calendar year shall also contain the information required by subsection (e)’’;

(2) in subsection (d)—

(A) in paragraph (1)—

(i) in subparagraph (A), by striking ‘‘, including the extent’’ and all that follows through the period at the end and inserting the following: ‘‘, including an assessment of the manning of units (authorized versus assigned numbers of personnel) for units not scheduled for deployment and the timing of the arrival of personnel into units preparing for deployments.’’; and

(ii) in subparagraph (B), by inserting ‘‘unit’’ before ‘‘personnel strength’’;

(B) by amending paragraph (2) to read as follows:

‘‘(2) PERSONNEL TURBULENCE.—
“(A) Recruit quality.
“(B) Personnel assigned to a unit but not trained for the level of assigned responsibility or mission.
“(C) Fitness for deployment.
“(D) Recruiting and retention status.’’;

(C) by striking paragraph (3) and redesignating paragraph (4) as paragraph (3); and

(D) in paragraph (3), as redesignated by subparagraph (C), by striking ‘‘Training commitments’’ and inserting ‘‘Mission rehearsals’’;

(3) by redesignating subsections (e), (f), and (g), as subsections(f), (g), and (l), respectively;

(4) by inserting after subsection (d)(3), as redesignated by paragraph (1)(C), the following new subsection:

‘‘(e) LOGISTICS INDICATORS.—The reports for the second and fourth quarters of a calendar year shall also include information regarding the active components of the armed forces (and an evaluation of such information) with respect to each of the following logistics indicators:’’;

(5) in subsection (e), as designated by paragraph (4)—

(A) by redesignating paragraphs (5), (6), and (7) as paragraphs (1), (2), and (3), respectively;

(B) in paragraph (1), as redesignated by subparagraph (A), by striking subparagraph (E); and

(C) in paragraph (2), as so redesignated—

(i) in subparagraph (A), by striking ‘‘Maintenance’’ and inserting ‘‘Depot maintenance’’; and

(ii) by inserting after subparagraph (A) the following new subparagraph:

‘‘(B) Equipment not available due to a lack of supplies or parts.’’;

and

(6) by inserting after subsection (g), as redesignated by paragraph (3), the following new subsections:

‘‘(h) COMBATANT COMMAND ASSIGNED MISSION ASSESSMENTS.—

‘‘(1) Each report shall also include an assessment by each commander of a geographic or functional combatant command of the ability of the command to successfully execute each of the assigned missions of the command. Each such assessment for a combatant command shall also include a list of the mission essential tasks for each assigned mission of the command and an assessment of the ability of the command to successfully complete each task within prescribed timeframes.

‘‘(2) For purposes of this subsection, the term ‘assigned mission’ means any contingency response program plan, theater campaign plan, or named operation that is approved and assigned by the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

‘‘(i) RISK ASSESSMENT OF DEPENDENCE ON CONTRACTOR SUPPORT.— Each report shall also include an assessment by the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff of the level of risk incurred by using contract support.”
support in contingency operations as required under Department of Defense Instruction 1100.22, ‘Policies and Procedures for Determining Workforce Mix’. 

‘(j) COMBAT SUPPORT AGENCIES ASSESSMENT.—  
‘(1) Each report shall also include an assessment by the Secretary of Defense of the military readiness of the combat support agencies, including, for each such agency—  
‘(A) a determination with respect to the responsiveness and readiness of the agency to support operating forces in the event of a war or threat to national security, including—  
‘(i) a list of mission essential tasks and an assessment of the ability of the agency to successfully perform those tasks;  
‘(ii) an assessment of how the ability of the agency to accomplish the tasks referred to in subparagraph (A) affects the ability of the military departments and the unified and geographic combatant commands to execute operations and contingency plans by number;  
‘(iii) any readiness deficiencies and actions recommended to address such deficiencies; and  
‘(iv) key indicators and other relevant information related to any deficiency or other problem identified;  
‘(B) any recommendations that the Secretary considers appropriate.  
‘(2) In this subsection, the term ‘combat support agency’ means any of the following Defense Agencies:  
‘(B) The Defense Intelligence Agency.  
‘(C) The Defense Logistics Agency.  
‘(D) The National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (but only with respect to combat support functions that the agencies perform for the Department of Defense).  
‘(G) The National Reconnaissance Office.  
‘(H) The National Security Agency (but only with respect to combat support functions that the agencies perform for the Department of Defense) and Central Security Service.  
‘(I) Any other Defense Agency designated as a combat support agency by the Secretary of Defense.  

‘(k) MAJOR EXERCISE ASSESSMENTS.—  
‘(1) Each report shall also include an after-action assessment of each major exercise by the commander of the geographic or functional combatant command concerned or the chief of the military service concerned, as appropriate, that includes—  
‘(A) a brief description of the exercise;
“(B) planned training objectives for the exercise;
“(C) a full summary of cost associated with the exercise, including
in-kind and direct contributions to allies and partners; and
“(D) an executive summary of the lessons learned and training
objectives met by conducting the exercise.
“(2) In this subsection, the term ‘major exercise’ means a named major
training event, an integrated or joint exercise, or a unilateral major
exercise.”.