

**Republican en bloc Amendment**

**IN THE BILL:**

At the end of Title VIII, insert the following (and conform the Committee Report accordingly):

SEC. \_\_\_\_. None of the funds made available by this Act or any other Act may be used to carry out the relocation, consolidation, or realignment of any Army Basic Combat Training unit.

SEC. \_\_\_\_. None of the funds provided in this Act may be used to conduct or support research using human fetal tissue if such tissue is obtained pursuant to an induced abortion.

SEC. \_\_\_\_. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be used for surgical procedures or hormone therapies for the purposes of sex-rejecting procedures.

SEC. \_\_\_\_. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be made available for diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives, training, programs, offices, officers, policies, or any program, project, or activity that promotes or advances Critical Race Theory, or any concept associated with Critical Race Theory.

SEC. \_\_\_\_ . None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be made available for any member of Hamas, Hezbollah, the Houthis, or the Taliban.

SEC. \_\_\_\_ . None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be used to promote, host, facilitate, or support events on United States military installations or as part of military recruiting programs that violate the Department of Defense Joint Ethics Regulation or bring discredit upon the military, such as a drag queen story hour for children or the use of drag queens as military recruiters.

SEC. \_\_\_\_ . None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act shall be used to implement, administer, or otherwise carry out the Department of Defense memorandum dated October 20, 2022, or any successor to such memorandum, or to propose, promulgate, or implement any substantially similar rule or policy.

SEC. \_\_\_\_ . (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section 7 of title 1, United States Code, section 1738C of title 28, United States Code, or any other provision of law, none of the funds provided by this Act, or previous appropriations Acts, shall be used in whole or in part to take any discriminatory action against a person, wholly or partially, on the basis that such person speaks, or acts, in accordance with a sincerely held religious belief, or moral

conviction, that marriage is, or should be recognized as, a union of one man and one woman.

(b) DISCRIMINATORY ACTION DEFINED.—As used in subsection (a), a discriminatory action means any action taken by the Federal Government to—

(1) alter in any way the Federal tax treatment of, or cause any tax, penalty, or payment to be assessed against, or deny, delay, or revoke an exemption from taxation under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 of, any person referred to in subsection (a);

(2) disallow a deduction for Federal tax purposes of any charitable contribution made to or by such person;

(3) withhold, reduce the amount or funding for, exclude, terminate, or otherwise make unavailable or deny, any Federal grant, contract, subcontract, cooperative agreement, guarantee, loan, scholarship, license, certification, accreditation, employment, or other similar position or status from or to such person;

(4) withhold, reduce, exclude, terminate, or otherwise make unavailable or deny, any entitlement or

benefit under a Federal benefit program, including admission to, equal treatment in, or eligibility for a degree from an educational program, from or to such person; or

(5) withhold, reduce, exclude, terminate, or otherwise make unavailable or deny access or an entitlement to Federal property, facilities, educational institutions, speech fora (including traditional, limited, and nonpublic fora), or charitable fundraising campaigns from or to such person.

(c) ACCREDITATION; LICENSURE; CERTIFICATION.—

The Federal Government shall consider accredited, licensed, or certified for purposes of Federal law any person that would be accredited, licensed, or certified, respectively, for such purposes but for a determination against such person wholly or partially on the basis that the person speaks, or acts, in accordance with a sincerely held religious belief or moral conviction described in subsection (a).

SEC. \_\_\_\_ . REDESIGNATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AS THE DEPARTMENT OF WAR.

- (a) CHANGES TO DEPARTMENTAL AND POSITIONAL TITLES IN POSITIVE LAW TITLES OF UNITED STATES CODE.—Titles 10, 32, and 37, United States Code, are amended, in each case with the matter inserted to be in the same typeface and typestyle as the matter stricken, by—
- (1) striking “Department of Defense” each place it appears and inserting “Department of War”; and
  - (2) striking “Secretary of Defense” each place it appears and inserting “Secretary of War”.
- (b) CONFORMING CHANGES TO TITLE 10.—Title 10, United States Code, is amended, in each case with the matter inserted to be in the same typeface and typestyle as the matter stricken—
- (1) in sections 143, 2701(a)(4), 7381(c), 8226(c), and 9381(c), by striking “OSD” each place it appears and inserting “Office of the Secretary of War”;
  - (2) in sections 148(c)(6), 165(c), 194(f), 392(e), 430b(d)(2), 1501(b), 1784(g), 2111b(e), 2461(b), 2563(a), 2701(f), 2704(c), 2704(d)(3), 7543(a), and 7687(a), by striking “DoD” and “DOD” each place it appears and inserting “Department of War”;
  - (3) in section 127e(h), by striking “ASD” and inserting “Assistant Secretary of War”;
  - (4) in sections 1175a(j)(5), 4022(e)(1), 4863(b)(3)(C), and 4872(d)(3), by striking “Undersecretary of Defense” each of the places it appears and inserting “Under Secretary of War”;
  - (5) in section 2926(f)(5)(D), by striking “Secretary for Defense” and insert “Secretary of War”;
  - (6) in sections 131(b), 137a, 138, 139b(b)(3)(B)(vii), 398a(c), 1142(b)(19), by striking “Secretaries of Defense” each place it appears and inserting “Secretaries of War”;
  - (7) in section 2164b, by striking “DODEA” each place it appears and inserting “Department of War Education Activity”; and

(8) in section 4091, by striking “Defense Test Resource Management Center” each place it appears and inserting “Department of War Test Resource Management Center”.

(c) EXCEPTIONS FOR DATE SPECIFIC ISSUANCES IN TITLE 10.—

(1) The amendments in subsections (a)(1) and (b)(2) shall not apply to sections 120(d), 1721(c), 2216a(c)(1), 2263(b)(2), 2856a(c), 2856b(c), 3138(f)(4), 4505(h)(5), 4506(d)(2)(A), 4506(f)(3), 4832(c)(4), and 5502(c)(3)(B) of title 10, United States Code.

(2) The amendments in subsection (a)(1) shall not apply to the term “Department of Defense Interim Guidance dated February 29, 2000” in section 2475(a) of title 10, United States Code.

(3) The amendments in subsection (a)(2) shall not apply to sections 499c(a)(1)(D), 500d(c), 2281(d)(2), 3138(f)(4), 5502(c)(3)(A), and 5502(c)(3)(B) of title 10, United States Code.

(d) OTHER REFERENCES.— Chapter 1 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by inserting after section 102 the following new section:

**“§103. References to the Secretary of Defense and Department of Defense**

“Any reference to the Secretary of Defense and Department of Defense in any law, regulation, map, document, record, or other paper of the United States shall be deemed to be a reference to the Secretary of War and Department of War, respectively.”.

## **IN THE REPORT:**

On page 17, after the paragraph with the header “Budget or Appropriations Liaison Support to the Appropriations Committees”, insert the following as a new paragraph:

### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE DATA CENTER PROJECTS

The Committee recognizes data center projects place significant strain on energy and water resources and communities have resisted such projects. This resistance has forced industry to address energy and water usage concerns, and the Committee is pleased to see industry responding to community concerns with next generation artificial intelligence (AI) infrastructure and increased development and adoption of photonics. The Committee is further pleased that the Administration recognizes these concerns and is actively engaging industry to ensure communities are not shouldering the costs of data center projects.

The Committee equally recognizes that advancement of AI is imperative and data centers are essential to advancing that goal. As has been comprehensively stated by Department of Defense leaders, AI is a combat force multiplier that increases competitive advantage and the Committee is committed to ensuring AI and essential infrastructure are supported in an enduring fashion. Accordingly, the Secretary of Defense is directed to conduct an assessment and brief the congressional defense committees on implications to communities in proximity to Department of Defense data center projects before the initiation of physical on-site construction of a data center. The assessment and briefing shall include: (1) energy and grid impacts; (2) water resource and environmental impacts; (3) siting and proximity impact standards; (4) impacts to physical security and mission assurance; (5) cumulative risk and community impacts; (6) community consultation and local government engagement; and (7) any other matters that may require legislative or resourcing consideration.

On page 174, after the paragraph with header “Software Acquisition Pathways”, insert the following as a new paragraph:

#### DATA SHARING PILOT PROGRAM

The Committee believes that theft of United States national security data and proprietary technologies remains a persistent strategic threat, often attributed in large part to China, through cyber espionage, insider recruitment, and supply chain exploitation. Adversaries compress years of taxpayer-funded research and development into accelerated capability gains while United States government data remains vulnerable to spillage, intrusion, insider threats, and human error.

The Committee encourages the Secretary of the Air Force to begin a pilot program to develop a capability that keeps sensitive files encrypted and access-controlled wherever they go. The pilot should mature the existing prototype into a deployable capability by expanding cross-platform and mobile support, integrating into operational environments, and executing test and evaluation plus continuous security validation so mission teams can share information quickly without losing control, auditability, or protection.