

Pub. L. 112-239, div. A, title XVI, §1601(b), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 2062, provided that: “The Department of Defense Strategic Readiness Fund established by section 872(d) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Public Law 110-181; 10 U.S.C. 117 note) [formerly set out below] is hereby closed.”

Pub. L. 110-181, div. A, title VIII, subtitle G, Jan. 28, 2008, 122 Stat. 260, which required Secretary of Defense to establish Defense Materiel Readiness Board to provide independent assessments of materiel readiness, materiel readiness shortfalls, and materiel readiness plans to Secretary of Defense and Congress; provided for designation of critical materiel readiness shortfalls; established Department of Defense Strategic Readiness Fund; and required Secretary of military department to notify Congress with respect to determination that use of a multiyear procurement contract would address a critical materiel readiness shortfall, was repealed by Pub. L. 112-239, div. A, title XVI, §1601(c), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 2062.

#### IMPLEMENTATION

Pub. L. 105-261, div. A, title III, §373(b), (c), Oct. 17, 1998, 112 Stat. 1992, as amended by Pub. L. 106-65, div. A, title III, §361(d)(2), Oct. 5, 1999, 113 Stat. 575, directed the Secretary of Defense to submit to Congress a report, not later than Mar. 1, 1999, setting forth a plan for implementation of this section, and required the Secretary to establish and implement the readiness reporting system required by this section so as to ensure that required capabilities would be attained not later than Apr. 1, 2000.

#### § 118. Annual report on major weapons systems sustainment

Not later than five days after the date on which the Secretary of Defense submits to Congress the materials in support of the budget of the President for a fiscal year, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees an annual report on major weapons systems sustainment for the period covered by the future years defense program specified by section 221 of this title. Such report shall include—

- (1) an assessment of the materiel availability, materiel reliability, and mean down time metrics for each major weapons system;
- (2) a detailed explanation of any factors that could preclude the Department of Defense or any of the military departments from meeting applicable readiness goals or objectives; and
- (3) an assessment of the validity and effectiveness of the definitions used to determine defense readiness, including the terms “major weapons system”, “covered asset”, “total and required inventory”, “materiel and operational availability”, “materiel and operational capability”,<sup>1</sup> “materiel and operational reliability”.

(Added Pub. L. 116-92, div. A, title III, §351(a)(1), Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 1319.)

#### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 118, added Pub. L. 106-65, div. A, title IX, §901(a)(1), Oct. 5, 1999, 113 Stat. 715; amended Pub. L. 107-107, div. A, title IX, §921(a), Dec. 28, 2001, 115 Stat. 1198; Pub. L. 107-314, div. A, title IX, §§922, 923, Dec. 2, 2002, 116 Stat. 2623; Pub. L. 109-364, div. A, title X, §1031(c)-(f), Oct. 17, 2006, 120 Stat. 2385, 2386; Pub. L. 110-181, div. A, title IX, §§941(b), 951(a), Jan. 28, 2008, 122 Stat. 287, 290; Pub. L. 111-84, div. A, title X, §§1002,

1073(a)(2), div. B, title XXVIII, §2822(b), Oct. 28, 2009, 123 Stat. 2439, 2472, 2666; Pub. L. 111-383, div. A, title X, §1071, Jan. 7, 2011, 124 Stat. 4364; Pub. L. 112-81, div. A, title VIII, §820(a), title IX, §942, Dec. 31, 2011, 125 Stat. 1501, 1548; Pub. L. 113-291, div. A, title X, §§1071(c)(2), (f)(1), 1072(a)(1), Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 3508, 3510, 3512, related to quadrennial defense strategy review by Secretary of Defense, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 114-328, div. A, title IX, §941(b)(1), Dec. 23, 2016, 130 Stat. 2367.

Another prior section 118, added Pub. L. 97-295, §1(2)(A), Oct. 12, 1982, 96 Stat. 1288, §133b; renumbered §118, Pub. L. 99-433, title I, §101(a)(2), Oct. 1, 1986, 100 Stat. 994, required reports to Congress on sales or transfers of defense articles, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 101-510, div. A, title XIII, §1301(2), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1668.

#### § 118a. Quadrennial quality of life review

(a) REVIEW REQUIRED.—(1) The Secretary of Defense shall every four years conduct a comprehensive examination of the quality of life of the members of the armed forces (to be known as the “quadrennial quality of life review”). The review shall include examination of the programs, projects, and activities of the Department of Defense, including the morale, welfare, and recreation activities.

(2) The quadrennial quality of life review shall be designed to result in determinations, and to foster policies and actions, that reflect the priority given the quality of life of members of the armed forces as a primary concern of the Department of Defense leadership.

(b) CONDUCT OF REVIEW.—Each quadrennial quality of life review shall be conducted so as—

(1) to assess quality of life priorities and issues consistent with the most recent National Security Strategy prescribed by the President pursuant to section 108 of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3043);

(2) to identify actions that are needed in order to provide members of the armed forces with the quality of life reasonably necessary to encourage the successful execution of the full range of missions that the members are called on to perform under the national security strategy; and

(3) to identify other actions that have the potential for improving the quality of life of the members of the armed forces.

(c) CONSIDERATIONS.—The Secretary shall consider addressing the following matters as part of the quadrennial quality of life review:

- (1) Infrastructure.
- (2) Military construction.
- (3) Physical conditions at military installations and other Department of Defense facilities.
- (4) Budget plans.
- (5) Adequacy of medical care for members of the armed forces and their dependents.
- (6) Adequacy of housing and the basic allowance for housing and basic allowance for subsistence.
- (7) Housing-related utility costs.
- (8) Educational opportunities and costs.
- (9) Length of deployments.
- (10) Rates of pay and pay differentials between the pay of members and the pay of civilians.
- (11) Retention and recruiting efforts.
- (12) Workplace safety.

<sup>1</sup> So in original. The word “and” probably should appear.