

REFORM OF ARMY DRILL SERGEANT SELECTION AND TRAINING PROCESS

Pub. L. 105-85, div. A, title V, § 556, Nov. 18, 1997, 111 Stat. 1749, provided that:

“(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Army shall reform the process for selection and training of drill sergeants for the Army.

“(b) MEASURES TO BE TAKEN.—As part of such reform, the Secretary shall undertake the following measures (unless, in the case of any such measure, the Secretary determines that that measure would not result in improved effectiveness and efficiency in the drill sergeant selection and training process):

“(1) Review the overall process used by the Department of the Army for selection of drill sergeants to determine—

“(A) whether that process is providing drill sergeant candidates in sufficient quantity and quality to meet the needs of the training system; and

“(B) whether duty as a drill sergeant is a career-enhancing assignment (or is seen by potential drill sergeant candidates as a career-enhancing assignment) and what steps could be taken to ensure that such duty is in fact a career-enhancing assignment.

“(2) Incorporate into the selection process for all drill sergeants the views and recommendations of the officers and senior noncommissioned officers in the chain of command of each candidate for selection (particularly those of senior noncommissioned officers) regarding the candidate’s suitability and qualifications to be a drill sergeant.

“(3) Establish a requirement for psychological screening for each drill sergeant candidate.

“(4) Reform the psychological screening process for drill sergeant candidates to improve the quality, depth, and rigor of that screening process.

“(5) Revise the evaluation system for drill sergeants in training to provide for a so-called ‘whole person’ assessment that gives insight into the qualifications and suitability of a drill sergeant candidate beyond the candidate’s ability to accomplish required performance tasks.

“(6) Revise the Army military personnel records system so that, under conditions and circumstances to be specified in regulations prescribed by the Secretary, a drill sergeant trainee who fails to complete the training to be a drill sergeant and is denied graduation will not have the fact of that failure recorded in those personnel records.

“(7) Provide each drill sergeant in training with the opportunity, before or during that training, to work with new recruits in initial entry training and to be evaluated on that opportunity.

“(c) REPORT.—Not later than March 31, 1998, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on National Security of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate a report of the reforms adopted pursuant to this section or, in the case of any measure specified in any of paragraphs (1) through (7) of subsection (b) that was not adopted, the rationale why that measure was not adopted.”

**§ 7419. Recruit basic training: separate housing for male and female recruits**

(a) PHYSICALLY SEPARATE HOUSING.—(1) The Secretary of the Army shall provide for housing male recruits and female recruits separately and securely from each other during basic training.

(2) To meet the requirements of paragraph (1), the sleeping areas and latrine areas provided for male recruits shall be physically separated from the sleeping areas and latrine areas provided for female recruits by permanent walls, and the areas for male recruits and the areas for female recruits shall have separate entrances.

(3) The Secretary shall ensure that, when a recruit is in an area referred to in paragraph (2),

the area is supervised by one or more persons who are authorized and trained to supervise the area.

(b) ALTERNATIVE SEPARATE HOUSING.—If male recruits and female recruits cannot be housed as provided under subsection (a) by October 1, 2001, at a particular installation, the Secretary of the Army shall require (on and after that date) that male recruits in basic training at such installation be housed in barracks or other troop housing facilities that are only for males and that female recruits in basic training at such installation be housed in barracks or other troop housing facilities that are only for females.

(c) CONSTRUCTION PLANNING.—In planning for the construction of housing to be used for housing recruits during basic training, the Secretary of the Army shall ensure that the housing is to be constructed in a manner that facilitates the housing of male recruits and female recruits separately and securely from each other.

(d) BASIC TRAINING DEFINED.—In this section, the term ‘basic training’ means the initial entry training program of the Army that constitutes the basic training of new recruits.

(Added Pub. L. 105-261, div. A, title V, § 521(a)(1), Oct. 17, 1998, 112 Stat. 2009, § 4319; renumbered § 7419, Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, § 808(c)(1), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1839.)

**Editorial Notes**

AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232 renumbered section 4319 of this title as this section.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2018 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 115-232 effective Feb. 1, 2019, with provision for the coordination of amendments and special rule for certain redesignations, see section 800 of Pub. L. 115-232, set out as a note preceding section 3001 of this title.

IMPLEMENTATION

Pub. L. 105-261, div. A, title V, § 521(a)(3), Oct. 17, 1998, 112 Stat. 2010, provided that: “The Secretary of the Army shall implement section 4319 [now 7419] of title 10, United States Code, as added by paragraph (1), as rapidly as feasible and shall ensure that the provisions of that section are applied to all recruit basic training classes beginning not later than the first such class that enters basic training on or after April 15, 1999.”

**§ 7420. Recruit basic training: privacy**

The Secretary of the Army shall require that access by drill sergeants and other training personnel to a living area in which recruits are housed during basic training shall be limited after the end of the training day, other than in the case of an emergency or other exigent circumstance, to drill sergeants and other training personnel who are of the same sex as the recruits housed in that living area or to superiors in the chain of command of those recruits who, if not of the same sex as the recruits housed in that living area, are accompanied by a member (other than a recruit) who is of the same sex as the recruits housed in that living area.

(Added Pub. L. 105-261, div. A, title V, § 522(a)(1), Oct. 17, 1998, 112 Stat. 2012, § 4320; renumbered