

## PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 8692, act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 538, provided qualifications to receive a rating of pilot in time of peace, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 92-168, §3(1), Nov. 24, 1971, 85 Stat. 489. See section 2003 of this title.

**§ 8693. Biennial report on shipbuilder training and the defense industrial base**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than February 1 of each even-numbered year until 2026, the Secretary of the Navy, in coordination with the Secretary of Labor, shall submit to the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate and the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Education and Labor of the House of Representatives a report on shipbuilder training and hiring requirements necessary to achieve the Navy's 30-year shipbuilding plan and to maintain the shipbuilding readiness of the defense industrial base. Each such report shall include each of the following:

(1) An analysis and estimate of the time and investment required for new shipbuilders to gain proficiency in particular shipbuilding occupational specialties, including detailed information about the occupational specialty requirements necessary for construction of naval surface ship and submarine classes to be included in the Navy's 30-year shipbuilding plan.

(2) An analysis of the age demographics and occupational experience level (measured in years of experience) of the shipbuilding defense industrial workforce.

(3) An analysis of the potential time and investment challenges associated with developing and retaining shipbuilding skills in organizations that lack intermediate levels of shipbuilding experience.

(4) Recommendations concerning how to address shipbuilder training during periods of demographic transition and evolving naval fleet architecture consistent with the Navy's most recent Integrated Force Structure Assessment.

(5) An analysis of whether emerging technologies, such as augmented reality, may aid in new shipbuilder training.

(6) Recommendations concerning how to encourage young adults to enter the defense shipbuilding industry and to develop the skills necessary to support the shipbuilding defense industrial base.

(7) An analysis of the potential benefits of multi-year procurement contracting for the stability of the shipbuilding defense industrial base.

(b) SOLICITATION AND ANALYSIS OF INFORMATION.—In order to carry out subsection (a)(2), the Secretary of the Navy and Secretary of Labor shall—

(1) solicit information regarding the age demographics and occupational experience level from the private shipyards of the shipbuilding defense industrial base; and

(2) analyze such information for findings relevant to carrying out subsection (a)(2), including findings related to the current and projected defense shipbuilding workforce, current

and projected labor needs, and the readiness of the current and projected workforce to supply the proficiencies analyzed in subsection (a)(1).

(Added Pub. L. 116-283, div. A, title X, §1026(a), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 3843, §8692; renumbered §8693 and amended Pub. L. 117-81, div. A, title X, §1015, Dec. 27, 2021, 135 Stat. 1894.)

## Editorial Notes

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A prior section 8693, act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 538, provided for replacement of a lost or destroyed certificate of discharge from Air Force, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 90-235, §7(a)(3), Jan. 2, 1968, 81 Stat. 763. See section 1040 of this title.

## AMENDMENTS

2021—Pub. L. 117-81, §1015(a), renumbered section 8692 of this title, as added by section 1026(a) of Pub. L. 116-283, as this section.

Pub. L. 117-81, §1015(b)(1), (3), designated existing provisions as subsec. (a), inserted heading, and added subsec. (b).

Subsec. (a)(7). Pub. L. 117-81, §1015(b)(2), added par. (7).

**§ 8694. Annual report on ship maintenance**

(a) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than October 15 of each year, the Secretary of the Navy shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives a report setting forth each of the following:

(1) A description of all ship maintenance planned for the fiscal year during which the report is submitted, by hull.

(2) The estimated cost of the maintenance described pursuant to paragraph (1).

(3) A summary of all ship maintenance conducted by the Secretary during the previous fiscal year.

(4) A detailed description of any ship maintenance that was deferred during the previous fiscal year, including specific reasons for the delay or cancellation of any availability.

(5) A detailed description of the effect of each of the planned ship maintenance actions that were delayed or cancelled during the previous fiscal year, including—

(A) a summary of the effects on the costs and schedule for each delay or cancellation; and

(B) the accrued operational and fiscal cost of all the deferments over the fiscal year.

(b) FORM OF REPORT.— Each report submitted under subsection (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form and made publicly available on an appropriate internet website in a searchable format, but may contain a classified annex.

(Added Pub. L. 117-81, div. A, title X, §1016(a), Dec. 27, 2021, 135 Stat. 1895.)

**§ 8695. Navy battle force ship assessment and requirement reporting**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date on which a covered event occurs, the Chief of Naval Operations shall submit to the congressional defense committees a battle force ship assessment and requirement.

(b) ASSESSMENT.—Each assessment required by subsection (a) shall include the following: