

TITLE IV—MILITARY PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATIONS

Subtitle A—Active Forces

End strengths for active forces (sec. 401)

The committee recommends a provision that would authorize active-duty end strengths for fiscal year 2015, as shown below:

Service	FY 2014 authorized	FY 2015		Change from	
		Request	Recommendation	FY 2015 request	FY 2014 authorized
Army	520,000	490,000	490,000	0	− 30,000
Navy	323,600	323,600	323,600	0	0
Marine Corps	190,200	184,100	184,100	0	− 6,100
Air Force	327,600	310,900	310,900	0	− 16,700
DOD Total	1,361,400	1,308,600	1,308,600	0	− 52,800

Subtitle B—Reserve Forces

End strengths for Selected Reserve (sec. 411)

The committee recommends a provision that would authorize Selected Reserve end strengths for fiscal year 2015, as shown below:

Service	FY 2014 authorized	FY 2015		Change from	
		Request	Recommendation	FY 2015 request	FY 2014 authorized
Army National Guard	354,200	350,200	350,200	0	− 4,000
Army Reserve	205,000	202,000	202,000	0	− 3,000
Navy Reserve	59,100	57,300	57,300	0	− 1,800
Marine Corps Reserve	39,600	39,200	39,200	0	− 400
Air National Guard	105,400	105,000	105,000	0	− 400
Air Force Reserve	70,400	67,100	67,100	0	− 3,300
DOD Total	833,700	820,800	820,800	0	− 12,900
Coast Guard Reserve	9,000	9,000	9,000	0	0

End strengths for Reserves on active duty in support of the reserves (sec. 412)

The committee recommends a provision that would authorize full-time support end strengths for fiscal year 2015, as shown below:

Service	FY 2014 authorized	FY 2015		Change from	
		Request	Recommendation	FY 2015 request	FY 2014 authorized
Army National Guard	32,060	31,385	31,385	0	− 675
Army Reserve	16,261	16,261	16,261	0	0
Navy Reserve	10,159	9,973	9,973	0	− 186

Service	FY 2014 authorized	FY 2015		Change from	
		Request	Recommendation	FY 2015 request	FY 2014 authorized
Marine Corps Reserve	2,261	2,261	2,261	0	0
Air National Guard	14,734	14,704	14,704	0	-30
Air Force Reserve	2,911	2,830	2,830	0	-81
DOD Total	78,386	77,414	77,414	0	-972

End strengths for military technicians (dual status) (sec. 413)

The committee recommends a provision that would establish the minimum number of military technicians (dual status) for the reserve components of the Army and Air Force as of the last day of fiscal year 2015, as shown below:

Service	FY 2014 authorized	FY 2015		Change from	
		Request	Recommendation	FY 2015 request	FY 2014 authorized
Army National Guard	27,210	27,210	27,210	0	0
Army Reserve	8,395	7,895	7,895	0	-500
Air National Guard	21,875	21,792	21,792	0	-83
Air Force Reserve	10,429	9,789	9,789	0	-640
DOD Total	67,909	66,686	66,686	0	-1,223

Fiscal year 2015 limitation on number of non-dual status technicians (sec. 414)

The committee recommends a provision that would establish limits on the number of non-dual status technicians who may be employed in the Department of Defense as of September 30, 2015, as shown below:

Service	FY 2014 authorized	FY 2015		Change from	
		Request	Recommendation	FY 2015 request	FY 2014 authorized
Army National Guard	1,600	1,600	1,600	0	0
Air National Guard	350	350	350	0	0
Army Reserve	595	595	595	0	0
Air Force Reserve	90	90	90	0	0
DOD Total	2,635	2,635	2,635	0	0

Maximum number of reserve personnel authorized to be on active duty for operational support (sec. 415)

The committee recommends a provision that would establish limits on the number of reserve personnel authorized to be on active duty for operational support under section 115(b) of title 10, United States Code, as of September 30, 2015, as shown below:

Service	FY 2014 authorized	FY 2015		Change from	
		Request	Recommendation	FY 2015 request	FY 2014 authorized
Army National Guard	17,000	17,000	17,000	0	0
Army Reserve	13,000	13,000	13,000	0	0
Navy Reserve	6,200	6,200	6,200	0	0

Service	FY 2014 authorized	FY 2015		Change from	
		Request	Recommendation	FY 2015 request	FY 2014 authorized
Marine Corps Reserve	3,000	3,000	3,000	0	0
Air National Guard	16,000	16,000	16,000	0	0
Air Force Reserve	14,000	14,000	14,000	0	0
DOD Total	69,200	69,200	69,200	0	0

Subtitle C—Authorization of Appropriations

Military personnel (sec. 421)

The committee recommends a provision that would authorize appropriations for military personnel at the levels identified in section 4401 of division D of this Act.

Budget Item

Military personnel funding changes

The amount authorized to be appropriated for military personnel programs in section 421 of this Act includes the following changes from the budget request:

[Changes in millions of dollars]

Military Personnel Underexecution	- 761.7
Reduction in meals-ready-to-eat	- 20.0
Restore lost savings from COLA change repeal	500.0
Restore anticipated savings for TRICARE consolidation	78.0
Increase CTC rotations for Army National Guard	45.0
Additional ESGR State support specialists	4.0
Limit A-10 retirement	82.8
Limit AWACS retirement	24.9
Total	- 47.0

The committee recommends a total reduction in the Military Personnel (MILPERS) appropriation of \$47.0 million. This includes: (1) A reduction of \$761.7 million to reflect the Government Accountability Office’s most recent assessment of the average annual MILPERS underexecution; (2) A reduction of \$20.0 million to reflect the Defense Logistics Agency’s overstatement of meals-ready-to-eat inventory; (3) An increase of \$500.0 million to restore retirement accrual savings that resulted from the revision in the cost-of-living adjustment to military retired pay contained in section 403 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013 (H.J. Res. 59), and which were lost when Congress grandfathered the current force from the effects of that provision in section 2 of Public Law 113-82; (4) An increase of \$78.0 million to restore MILPERS savings anticipated by the Department of Defense relative to its proposal to consolidate the TRICARE program, which the committee did not adopt; (5) An increase of \$45.0 million to support additional Combat Training Center rotations for the Army National Guard; (6) An increase of \$4.0 million for the Office of Employer Support for the Guard and Reserve to increase the number of State support specialists; (7) An increase of \$82.8 million to fund additional personnel required relative to a limitation on retiring A-10s contained elsewhere in this Act; and (8) An increase of \$24.9 million to fund additional personnel relative to a limitation on retiring AWACS contained elsewhere in this Act.

