

# TITLE IV—MILITARY PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATIONS

## OVERVIEW

The Defense Strategic Guidance calls for a leaner, more adaptable force. The Department of Defense has determined it cannot support a standing force for large-scale prolonged stability operations but instead will maintain one that can quickly deter, defeat, and, if needed, rebuild capacity for unforeseen requirements. This means a smaller Active Duty force, with a Reserve Component capable of continuing to operate as an operational reserve to maintain strategic depth, which is reflected in the President's fiscal year 2015 budget request. The budget included further reductions in the Active Component end strength in the Army, Marine Corps, and Air Force, while preserving the Navy at its current level. The committee notes the services plan for more drastic reductions in end strength and force structure in fiscal year 2016 absent a change to the Budget Control Act of 2011 (BCA).

The Reserve Components will make minor reductions in fiscal year 2015; but just as the Active Component, the Reserves will be required to take further reductions over the 5-year fiscal defense plan, which also could be significantly steeper absent repeal of sequestration. As the Active Components reduce end strength, the committee encourages the services to ensure the proper force structure and resourcing is provided to the Reserve Components in order to preserve an operational reserve. The committee also recommends that as missions such as cyber security, space operations, and unmanned aerial systems continue grow, the services incorporate the Reserve Components into these force structure requirements to capitalize on the expertise of the Reserve Component members.

The committee understands the situation the Army and Marine Corps face in this current budget environment, but remains concerned with the planned force reductions for the Army and Marine Corps, and with the Navy's continued challenges manning the fleet while combat and contingency commitments continue. This continued stress on the force, coupled with potential further reductions as a result of the BCA's discretionary caps, may have serious implications on the capacity and capability of the All-Volunteer Force and the ability for the services to meet the National Defense Strategy.

## LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS

## SUBTITLE A—ACTIVE FORCES

## Section 401—End Strengths for Active Forces

This section would authorize the following end strengths for Active Duty personnel of the Armed Forces as of September 30, 2015:

Service	FY 2014 Authorized	FY 2015		Change from	
		Request	Committee Recom- mendation	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
USMC .....	190,200	184,100	184,100	0	-6,100
Air Force .....	327,600	310,900	311,220	320	-16,380
DOD Total .....	1,361,400	1,308,600	1,308,600	0	-53,100

## Section 402—Revisions in Permanent Active Duty End Strength Minimum Levels

This section would establish new minimum Active Duty end strengths for the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force as of September 30, 2015. The committee recommends 490,000 as the minimum Active Duty end strength for the Army, 323,600 as the minimum Active Duty end strength for the Navy, 184,100 as the minimum Active Duty end strength for the Marine Corps, and 310,900 as the minimum Active Duty end strength for the Air Force.

## SUBTITLE B—RESERVE FORCES

## Section 411—End Strengths for Selected Reserve

This section would authorize the following end strengths for Selected Reserve personnel, including the end strength for Reserves on Active Duty in support of the Reserves, as of September 30, 2015:

Service	FY 2014 Authorized	FY 2015		Change from	
		Request	Committee Recom- mendation	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

Service	FY 2014 Authorized	FY 2015		Change from	
		Request	Committee Recom- mendation	FY 2015 Request	FY 2014 Authorized
Coast Guard Reserve .....	9,000	7,000	7,000	0	-2,000

#### Section 412—End Strengths for Reserves on Active Duty in Support of the Reserves

This section would authorize the following end strengths for Reserves on Active Duty in support of the Reserves as of September 30, 2015:

Service	FY 2014 Authorized	FY 2015		Change from	
		Request	Committee Recom- mendation	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	00
Navy Reserve .....	10,159	9,973	9,973	0	-186
Marine Corps Reserve .....	2,261	2,261	2,261	0	00
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

#### Section 413—End Strengths for Military Technicians (Dual Status)

This section would authorize the following end strengths for military technicians (dual status) as of September 30, 2015:

Service	FY 2014 Authorized	FY 2015		Change from	
		Request	Committee Recom- mendation	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

#### Section 414—Fiscal Year 2015 Limitation on Number of Non-Dual Status Technicians

This section would establish the maximum end strengths for the Reserve Components of the Army and Air Force for non-dual status technicians as of September 30, 2015:

Service	FY 2014 Authorized	FY 2015		Change from	
		Request	Committee Recom- mendation	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

#### Section 415—Maximum Number of Reserve Personnel Authorized To Be on Active Duty for Operational Support

This section would authorize, as required by section 115(b) of title 10, United States Code, the maximum number of Reserve Component personnel who may be on Active Duty or full-time National Guard duty during fiscal year 2015 to provide operational support. The personnel authorized here do not count against the end strengths authorized by section 401 or section 412 of this Act unless the duration on Active Duty exceeds the limitations in section 115(b)(2) of title 10, United States Code.

Service	FY 2014 Authorized	FY 2015		Change from	
		Request	Committee Recom- mendation	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
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

#### Section 421—Military Personnel

This section would authorize appropriations for military personnel at the levels identified in the funding table in section 4401 of division D of this Act.