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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. WARNOCK (for himself and Mr. ROUNDS) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Assuring Navigation
5 of Compact Help for Ongoing Relocation for Military
6 Families Act” or the “ANCHOR for Military Families
7 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROVISION OF INFORMATION REGARDING RELOCA-**
2 **TION ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FOR MEMBERS**
3 **RECEIVING ORDERS FOR A CHANGE OF PER-**
4 **MANENT STATION.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1056 of title 10, United
6 States Code, is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (b)(2)—

8 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “and
9 community orientation” and inserting “commu-
10 nity orientation, education systems, school en-
11 rollment procedures, and State-specific provi-
12 sions under the Interstate Compact on Edu-
13 cational Opportunity for Military Children”;

14 (B) in subparagraph (C), by striking “and
15 community orientation” and inserting “commu-
16 nity orientation, and educational resources for
17 dependent children, including school transition
18 assistance, academic continuity, and special
19 education services”; and

20 (C) by adding at the end the following new
21 subparagraph:

22 “(E) Provision of educational planning and sup-
23 port services for dependent children with disabilities,
24 including procedures for transferring individualized
25 education programs and coordinating with the Ex-
26 ceptional Family Member Program.”;

1 (2) by redesignating subsections (e) and (f) as
2 subsections (f) and (g), respectively; and

3 (3) by inserting after subsection (d) the fol-
4 lowing new subsection:

5 “(e) PROVISION OF INFORMATION ON PROGRAM.—

6 (1) The Secretary of Defense shall ensure that members
7 of the Armed Forces and the families of those members
8 are provided information regarding available assistance
9 under this section and any other assistance relating to a
10 change of permanent station available under any other
11 provision of law.

12 “(2) The Secretary shall ensure that information re-
13 quired to be provided under this subsection is provided to
14 a member of the Armed Forces and the family of that
15 member not later than 45 days before the date on which
16 a change of permanent station takes effect for that mem-
17 ber.

18 “(3) The information provided under this subsection
19 shall include—

20 “(A) information on family assistance programs
21 authorized under section 1788 of this title, including
22 financial planning resources, spouse employment
23 support, and community integration services;

1 “(B) guidance on available housing assistance,
2 including on-base housing options, rental protec-
3 tions, and resources for off-base relocation;

4 “(C) mental health and well-being support serv-
5 ices, including those accessible during the period of
6 transition for a change of permanent station;

7 “(D) educational resources for dependent chil-
8 dren, including school transition assistance and spe-
9 cial education services;

10 “(E) information on available legal and finan-
11 cial counseling programs; and

12 “(F) any other assistance programs that sup-
13 port members of the Armed Forces and their fami-
14 lies during relocation.

15 “(4) The Secretary of Defense shall—

16 “(A) incorporate the information required to be
17 provided under this subsection into accessible mate-
18 rials and briefings provided to members of the
19 Armed Forces relating to a change of permanent
20 station;

21 “(B) ensure that the program under this sec-
22 tion provides accessible materials and briefings at
23 military installations and through online resources;

24 “(C) develop a communication strategy, includ-
25 ing digital outreach and printed materials, to in-

1 crease awareness of the program under this section
2 and assistance available under other provisions of
3 law relating to a change of permanent station; and

4 “(D) assess the satisfaction of members of the
5 Armed Forces and their families with the informa-
6 tion provided under this subsection.”.

7 (b) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date
8 of enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter for three
9 years, the Secretary of Defense shall provide to the Com-
10 mittees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House
11 of Representatives a briefing on the implementation of the
12 amendments made by this section. Such briefing shall in-
13 clude—

14 (1) the status of efforts to integrate informa-
15 tion required to be provided by subsection (e) of sec-
16 tion 1056 of title 10, United States Code, as added
17 by subsection (a) of this section, into accessible ma-
18 terials and briefings provided to members of the
19 Armed Forces and their families relating to a
20 change of permanent station;

21 (2) an assessment of the awareness by members
22 of the Armed Forces and their families of available
23 programs in support of a change of permanent sta-
24 tion; and

- 1 (3) any recommendations of the Secretary for
- 2 improving the dissemination of information related
- 3 to relocation and family assistance programs.

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