

1 *toward joint matters (as defined in section 668 of this title).*
2 *Officers with that occupational category shall be identified or*
3 *designated in such manner as the Secretary of Defense di-*
4 *rects. For purposes of this chapter, that category is referred to*
5 *as the 'joint specialty'.*

6 “(b) *NUMBERS AND SELECTION.*—

7 “(1) *NUMBER.*—*The number of officers with the*
8 *joint specialty shall be determined by the Secretary.*
9 *Such number shall be large enough to meet the require-*
10 *ments of subsection (d).*

11 “(2) *SELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR JOINT SPE-*
12 *CIALTY.*—*Officers shall be selected for the joint spe-*
13 *cialty by the Secretary of Defense with the advice of*
14 *the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The Secre-*
15 *taries of the military departments shall nominate offi-*
16 *cers for selection for the joint specialty. Nominations*
17 *shall be made from among officers—*

18 “(A) *who meet qualifications prescribed by*
19 *the Secretary of Defense; and*

20 “(B) *who—*

21 “(i) *are senior captains or, in the case*
22 *of the Navy, lieutenants; or*

23 “(ii) *are serving in the grade of major*
24 *or lieutenant commander or a higher grade.*

25 “(c) *TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS.*—