

1 “(1) *GENERAL RULE.*—An officer who is nomi-
2 nated for the joint specialty may not be selected for the
3 joint specialty until the officer—

4 “(A) *successfully completes an appropriate*
5 *program at a joint professional military education*
6 *school; and*

7 “(B) *after completing such program of edu-*
8 *cation, successfully completes a full tour of duty*
9 *in a joint duty assignment.*

10 “(2) *EXCEPTION FOR OFFICERS WITH CRITICAL*
11 *SKILLS.*—An officer who has a critical occupational
12 specialty involving combat operations (as designated by
13 the Secretary of Defense) who is nominated for the
14 joint specialty may be selected for the joint specialty
15 after successful completion of a joint duty assignment
16 of not less than two years and successful completion of
17 a program under paragraph (1)(A). An officer selected
18 for the joint specialty under this paragraph shall be re-
19 quired to complete the generally applicable require-
20 ments for selection under paragraph (1)(B) as soon as
21 practicable after such officer’s selection.

22 “(d) *JOINT DUTY ASSIGNMENTS.*—

23 “(1) *50 PERCENT REQUIREMENT.*—The Secre-
24 *tary of Defense shall ensure that approximately one-*
25 *half of the joint duty assignment positions in grades*