

1 ***“§ 664. Length of joint duty assignments***

2 “(a) *GENERAL RULE.—The length of a joint duty*
3 *assignment—*

4 “(1) *for general and flag officers shall be not less*
5 *than three years; and*

6 “(2) *for other officers shall be not less than three*
7 *and one half years.*

8 “(b) *WAIVER AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of Defense*
9 *may waive subsection (a) in any case, but the Secretary shall*
10 *ensure that the average length of joint duty assignments*
11 *meets the standards prescribed in that subsection.*

12 “(c) *CERTAIN OFFICERS WITH CRITICAL COMBAT*
13 *OPERATIONS SKILLS.—Joint duty assignments of less than*
14 *the period prescribed by subsection (a), but not less than two*
15 *years, may be authorized for the purposes of section 661(c)(2)*
16 *of this title. Any such assignment shall not be counted for the*
17 *purposes of determining the average length of joint duty as-*
18 *signments under subsection (b).*

19 ***“§ 665. Procedures for monitoring careers of joint officers***

20 “(a) *PROCEDURES.—(1) The Secretary of Defense,*
21 *with the advice of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff,*
22 *shall establish procedures for overseeing the careers of—*

23 “(A) *officers with the joint specialty; and*

24 “(B) *other officers who serve in joint duty*
25 *assignments.*