

*Sec. 3019. Reserve components of Army: policies and regulations for government of*

Section 3019 deals with the Army Reserve Forces Policy Committee. This committee is now addressed in section 3033 in chapter 305 which would be redesignated as section 3019 and transferred to chapter 303. Beyond these changes, subsection (a) of section 3019 (as redesignated) would be amended to require the Army Reserve Forces Policy Committee to review and comment upon major policy matters directly affecting the mobilization preparedness of the Army. Currently, the committee only reviews and comments on matters affecting the reserve components. The Committee believes that assigning the additional responsibility related to mobilization preparedness would enhance the contributions of the committee to Army planning and policymaking. Subsection (a) would be further amended to require the comments of the Army Reserve Forces Policy Committee to be submitted to the Secretary of the Army, instead of the Assistant Secretary responsible for reserve affairs, as well as to the Chief of Staff.

SEC. 202. THE ARMY STAFF

Section 202 of this bill would amend chapter 305 dealing with the Army Staff to reorganize the chapter and to clarify the powers, duties, and responsibilities of certain officers and offices. The seven subsections of section 202 concern the following: (a) composition of the Army Staff; (b) general duties of the Army Staff; (c) Chief of Staff; (d) Vice Chief of Staff; (e) Deputy Chiefs of Staff; (f) conforming amendments; and (g) effective date of personnel limitations on the Army Staff.

*Section 3031. The Army Staff: composition; assignment and detail of members of Army and civilians*

Subsection (a) of section 202 would amend section 3031 dealing with the composition of, and assignment of personnel to, the Army Staff. Subsection (a) of section 3031, which establishes the Army Staff, would be amended to specify that the Army Staff is to assist the Secretary of the Army in carrying out his responsibilities. This change would clarify the role of the Army Staff.

Subsection (b) of section 3031, which specifies the composition of the Army Staff, would be amended to reduce the number of authorized Assistant Chiefs of Staff from five to three. At present, the Army Staff has only two Assistant Chiefs of Staff, so no positions would be disestablished by this change. In addition, the Chief of Army Reserve would be added to the composition of the Army Staff. Given the recommended assignment of the Inspector General to the Office of the Secretary of the Army, he would no longer be included as part of the Army Staff. Lastly, the deputy and assistant chief of branches would no longer be specifically listed as part of the Army Staff.

Subsection (c) of section 3031 would continue unamended the authority now provided in the current subsection (b) for the Secretary of the Army to organize the Army Staff and to prescribe the duties and titles of its members. It would also continue to authorize the designation of part of the Army Staff as the Army General Staff.