

Public Law 99-433
99th Congress

An Act

To reorganize the Department of Defense and strengthen civilian authority in the Department of Defense, to improve the military advice provided to the President, the National Security Council, and the Secretary of Defense, to place clear responsibility on the commanders of the unified and specified combatant commands for the accomplishment of missions assigned to those commands and ensure that the authority of those commanders is fully commensurate with that responsibility, to increase attention to the formulation of strategy and to contingency planning, to provide for more efficient use of defense resources, to improve joint officer management policies, otherwise to enhance the effectiveness of military operations and improve the management and administration of the Department of Defense, and for other purposes.

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS

(a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This Act may be cited as the “Goldwater-Nichols Department of Defense Reorganization Act of 1986”.

(b) **TABLE OF CONTENTS.**—The table of contents of this Act is as follows:

- Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.
- Sec. 2. References to title 10, United States Code.
- Sec. 3. Policy.

TITLE I—DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE GENERALLY

- Sec. 101. Organization of the Department of Defense.
- Sec. 102. Powers and duties of the Secretary of Defense.
- Sec. 103. Modification of authority of Secretary of Defense to reorganize the Department of Defense.
- Sec. 104. Office of the Secretary of Defense.
- Sec. 105. Under Secretary for Policy and Director of Defense Research and Engineering.
- Sec. 106. Assistant Secretaries of Defense.
- Sec. 107. Comptroller of the Department of Defense.
- Sec. 108. Inspector General of the Department of Defense.
- Sec. 109. Management studies of Office of the Secretary of Defense.
- Sec. 110. Technical and conforming amendments.

TITLE II—MILITARY ADVICE AND COMMAND FUNCTIONS

PART A—JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

- Sec. 201. Revised functions of Chairman; establishment of Vice Chairman.
- Sec. 202. Provisions relating to Vice Chairman.
- Sec. 203. Participation in National Security Council meetings.
- Sec. 204. Transition.

PART B—COMBATANT COMMANDS

- Sec. 211. Establishment of combatant commands and authority of commanders.
- Sec. 212. Initial review of combatant commands.
- Sec. 213. Repeal of certain limitations on command structure.
- Sec. 214. Transition.

Goldwater-Nichols Department of Defense Reorganization Act of 1986. Armed Forces. Defense and national security.
10 USC 111 note.