

## SEC. 406. TRANSITION

(a) **JOINT DUTY ASSIGNMENTS.**—(1) Section 661(d) of title 10, United States Code (as added by section 401), shall be implemented as rapidly as possible and not later than two years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

Effective date.  
10 USC 661 note.

(2) The list of positions that are joint duty assignment positions, including identification of those positions that are critical joint duty assignment positions, required to be published by section 668(b)(2) of such title shall be published not later than six months after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(b) **JOINT SPECIALTY.**—

10 USC 661 note.

(1) **INITIAL SELECTIONS.**—(A) In making the initial selections of officers for the joint specialty under section 661 of title 10, United States Code (as added by section 401 of this Act), the Secretary of Defense may waive the requirement of either subparagraph (A) or (B) (but not both) of subsection (c)(1) of such section in the case of any officer in a grade above captain or, in the case of the Navy, lieutenant.

(B) In applying such subparagraph (B) to the initial selections of officers for the joint specialty, the Secretary may in the case of any officer—

(i) waive the requirement that a joint duty assignment be served after the officer has completed an appropriate program at a joint professional military education school;

(ii) waive the requirement for the length of a joint duty assignment if the officer has served in such an assignment for not less than two years; and

(iii) consider as a joint duty assignment any tour of duty served by the officer before the date of the enactment of this Act (or being served on the date of the enactment of this Act) that was considered to be a joint duty assignment or a joint equivalent assignment under the regulations in effect at the time the assignment began.

(C) A waiver under subparagraph (A) of this paragraph or under any provision of subparagraph (B) of this paragraph may only be made on a case-by-case basis.

(D) The authority of the Secretary of Defense to grant a waiver under subparagraph (A) or (B) of this paragraph may be delegated only to the Deputy Secretary of Defense.

Education.

(2) **REQUIREMENT FOR HIGH STANDARDS.**—In exercising the authority provided by paragraph (1), the Secretary of Defense shall ensure that the highest standards of performance, education, and experience are established and maintained for officers selected for the joint specialty.

Termination date.

(3) **SUNSET.**—The authority provided by paragraph (1) shall expire two years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

10 USC 661 note.

(c) **CAREER GUIDELINES.**—The career guidelines required to be established by section 661(e) of such title, the procedures required to be established by section 665(a) of such title, and the personnel policies required to be established by section 666 of such title (as added by section 401) shall be established not later than the end of the eight-month period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act. The provisions of section 665(b) of such title shall be implemented not later than the end of such period.

(d) **EDUCATION.**—

10 USC 663 note.