

to maintain rigorous standards for the military education of officers with the joint specialty.

“(c) **OTHER PROFESSIONAL MILITARY EDUCATION SCHOOLS.**—The Secretary of Defense shall require that each Department of Defense school concerned with professional military education periodically review and revise its curricula for senior and intermediate grade officers in order to strengthen the focus on—

“(1) joint military operations; and

“(2) preparing officers for joint duty assignments.

“(d) **POST-TRAINING DUTY ASSIGNMENTS.**—The Secretary shall ensure that—

“(1) unless waived by the Secretary in an individual case, each officer with the joint specialty who graduates from a joint professional military school shall be assigned to a joint duty assignment for that officer’s next duty assignment; and

“(2) a high proportion (which shall be significantly greater than 50 percent) of the other officers graduating from a joint professional military school also receive assignments to a joint duty assignment as their next duty assignment.

“(e) **OTHER REQUIREMENTS FOR SENIOR OFFICERS.**—The Secretary shall take all other practicable measures to improve the training and experience of officers serving in senior joint duty assignments.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

“(A) officers with the joint specialty; and

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

“(2) Such oversight shall include monitoring of the implementation of the career guidelines established under section 661(e) of this title.

“(b) **ADVICE OF CHAIRMAN OF JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF.**—The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff shall advise the Secretaries of the military departments with respect to duty assignments of—

“(1) officers with the joint specialty; and

“(2) other officers serving in joint duty assignments.

“(c) **FUNCTION OF JOINT STAFF.**—The Secretary shall take such action as necessary to enhance the capabilities of the Joint Staff so that it can—

“(1) monitor the promotions and career assignments of officers with the joint specialty and of other officers who have served in joint duty assignments; and

“(2) otherwise advise the Chairman on joint personnel matters.

“§ 666. **Reserve officers not on the active duty list**

“The Secretary of Defense shall establish personnel policies emphasizing training and experience in joint matters for reserve officers not on the active-duty list. Such policies shall, to the extent practicable for the reserves components, be similar to the policies provided by this chapter.

“§ 667. **Annual report to Congress**

“(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of Defense shall include in the annual report of the Secretary to Congress (in that portion of the report relating to management) the following information:

“(1) The number of officers qualifying for the joint specialty and their education and training.

“(2) The promotion rate for officers in the joint specialty compared with the promotion rates for officers in the same armed force and at the same competitive category, shown for all officers of the armed force and for officers serving on the headquarters staff of the military department concerned.