

(1) Future unified and specified commanders must have the joint specialty and at least one joint duty assignment as a general or flag officer.

(2) Future chiefs of service must have significant experience in joint duty assignments and at least one joint duty assignment as a flag officer.

(3) Future chairmen of the Joint Chiefs of Staff must have been a unified or specified commander or a chief of service.

(4) A prerequisite for promotion to general or flag officer in the future would be a joint duty assignment.

The legislation would require changes in military education to emphasize joint military subjects. The Secretary of Defense would be made responsible for strengthening the focus of all professional military schools on joint subjects. Also, with certain exceptions, all new general and flag officers would be required to attend a course specifically designed to prepare them to work with the other Armed Forces. Moreover, the Secretary would be required to ensure that most graduates of joint professional military schools receive joint duty assignments after graduation. Finally, the Secretary would be required to take all other practicable measures to improve the training and experience of officers serving in senior joint duty assignments.

The length of joint duty assignments would be set at not less than three years for general and flag officers and three and one half years for other officers. The Secretary of Defense could waive this requirement, but he must ensure that the average length of joint duty assignments meets these standards. Also, officers serving in critical occupational specialties involving combat operations, as designated by the Secretary of Defense, would be allowed to complete joint duty assignments of not less than two years.

The Secretary would be required to establish comparable personnel management policies for the reserve components, emphasizing training and experience in joint subjects.

The legislation would establish policies to ensure that promotion opportunity and timing for officers who serve in joint assignments are comparable to their counterparts in the services. Joint specialty and Joint Staff officers, as a group, would experience promotion opportunity and timing at least as favorable as the promotion opportunity and timing for officers serving on military headquarters staffs. Officers in joint positions, as a group, would experience promotion opportunity and timing specified by the Secretary of Defense between the service-wide promotion opportunity and timing and the promotion opportunity and timing for military headquarters staffs.

The legislation would require the Secretary of Defense to include in the management section of his annual report to Congress comparative data that demonstrates the performance of the Department of Defense and of each individual military department in carrying out the requirements specified in title III of the bill related to the management of joint officer personnel. In addition, the legislation would require that the Secretary include through fiscal year 1991 a section in his annual report to the Congress on the implementation of these requirements.