

for each civilian pay grade in the same manner as provided under clause (A).

(3) In determining the total number of positions in the Office of the Secretary of Defense in grades above GS-8, the Secretary shall exclude positions which are primarily clerical or secretarial.

(f) **INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR STUDY.**—The Secretary shall provide for an independent study to be carried out by a contractor to consider the same matters required to be considered by the Secretary under subsection (d). The Secretary shall ensure that the contractor has full access to such information as the contractor requires and that the contractor otherwise receives full cooperation from all officials and entities of the Department of Defense.

(g) **REPORT TO CONGRESS.**—(1) The Secretary of Defense shall submit to Congress a report on the Secretary's study under subsection (a). The report shall include—

(A) the findings and conclusions of the Secretary with respect to each of the matters set forth in subsection (d);

(B) the findings and statistical determinations required under subsection (e); and

(C) any recommendations of the Secretary for organizational changes in the Office of the Secretary of Defense and a description of the means for implementing each recommendation.

(2) The Secretary shall include with the report a copy of the reports to the Secretary under subsections (b) and (c) and a copy of the report of the independent contractor under subsection (f), together with such comments on each such report as the Secretary considers appropriate.

(3) The report under this subsection shall be submitted not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act.

#### **SEC. 110. TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS**

(a) **CONFORMING AMENDMENT FOR OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.**—Chapter 41 is amended—

(1) by striking out section 718; and

(2) by striking out the item relating to that section in the table of sections at the beginning of such chapter.

(b) **REVISION OF OLD SECTION 138.**—Section 114 (as transferred and redesignated by section 101(a)) is amended—

(1) by striking out the section heading and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

**“§ 114. Annual authorization of appropriations”;**

(2) by transferring subsection (h) to the end of section 113 (as transferred and redesignated by section 101(a) and amended by section 102) and redesignating such subsection as subsection (i);

(3) by striking out “(as defined in subsection (f))” in subsection (a)(6);

(4) by inserting after subsection (a) the following:

**“§ 115. Annual authorization of personnel strengths; annual manpower requirements report”;**

(5) by redesignating subsections (b), (c), and (d) as subsections (a), (b), and (c), respectively;