

(1) require the Secretary of Defense to reorganize the executive part of each Military Department in accordance with policies specified in section 401 of the House amendment;

(2) require a single integrated staff for the executive part of each Military Department;

(3) prohibit the organization of officers as a separate component within the single integrated staff (other than the personal staff of a Service Chief of Staff);

(4) require that the functional assignments of the assistant secretaries of the Military Departments be as uniform as possible across the Military Departments;

(5) specify that civilian political appointees shall not be placed in positions subordinate to military officers;

(6) direct that the size of the Military Department staffs be substantially reduced and that functions be shifted to appropriate joint staffs or to subordinate commands of the Military Departments;

(7) prohibit the abolishment or consolidation of functions relating to the reserve components with other elements of the staff (other than the consolidation of existing military staff and civilian staff functions relating to the reserve components);

(8) prohibit any future administrative reorganization of the Military Departments that are inconsistent with items (1) through (7); and

(9) specify that the authority of the Service Chief of Staff to exercise supervisory control over members of the Armed Forces under his jurisdiction, especially with respect to personnel matters, remains unchanged.

The House amendment also contained a provision (section 402) that would:

(1) specify the composition of the single integrated staff of each Military Department;

(2) provide that each Secretary of a Military Department and each Service Chief of Staff may have a personal staff of not more than 30 persons (not counting the Administrative Assistant and his staff);

(3) reduce the total number of personnel assigned to the single integrated staff in each Military Department by 15 percent from the combined number previously assigned to the Office of the Secretary of a Military Department and military headquarters staff or staffs; and

(4) require the Secretary of Defense to ensure that the personnel reduction required by item (3) results in a reduction in the number of persons assigned to duty in the Washington, D.C. area.

The House amendment also contained a provision (section 403) that would:

(1) require the Secretary of Defense to shift to the Joint Staff the operation and planning responsibilities in each Military Department that are duplicated by the Joint Staff; and

(2) require the Secretary of Defense and the Secretaries of the Military Departments to provide that functions that may be performed by subordinate commands outside the Washington, D.C. area are reassigned to those commands.