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H. R. 2655

To amend title 32, United States Code, to establish a National Guard program to assist at-risk youth develop life skills.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. DAVIS of California introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

To amend title 32, United States Code, to establish a National Guard program to assist at-risk youth develop life skills.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. NATIONAL GUARD OPERATION ABOUT FACE TO**
4 **PROVIDE LIFE-SKILLS FOR AT RISK YOUTH.**

5 (a) Chapter 5 of title 32, United States Code, is
6 amended by adding at the end the following new section:

7 **“§ 510. National Guard operation about face to pro-**
8 **vide life-skills for at-risk youth**

9 “(a) PROGRAM AUTHORITY AND PURPOSE.—The
10 Secretary of Defense, through the Chief, National Guard

1 Bureau, may use the National Guard to conduct an at-
2 risk youth life skills program to be known as ‘National
3 Guard Operation About Face’, which shall be a community
4 based outreach program for at-risk youth, which shall in-
5 clude after-school and summer classes to provide academic
6 skills, computer literacy, employability skills, life-coping
7 skills, and communication skills supplemented with work
8 experience activities to create vibrant communities that
9 foster economic opportunity and encourage life-long learn-
10 ing.

11 “(b) CONDUCT OF THE PROGRAM.—(1) The Sec-
12 retary of Defense shall provide for the conduct of the Na-
13 tional Guard Operation About Face in such States as the
14 Secretary considers to be appropriate.

15 “(2) The Secretary shall carry out the National
16 Guard Operation About Face using—

17 “(A) funds appropriated directly to the Sec-
18 retary of Defense for the program; and

19 “(B) nondefense funds made available or trans-
20 ferred to the Secretary of Defense by other Federal
21 agencies to support the program.

22 “(3) For purposes of a transfer under paragraph
23 (2)(B), administration of the National Guard Operation
24 About Face is a good or service for which an agency agree-

1 ment may be entered into under section 1535 of title 31,
2 United States Code.

3 “(c) PROGRAM AGREEMENTS.—(1) To carry out the
4 National Guard Operation About Face in a State, the Sec-
5 retary of Defense shall enter into an agreement with the
6 Governor of the State, or in the case of the District of
7 Columbia National Guard, with the commanding general
8 of the District of Columbia National, under which the
9 Governor or the commanding general will establish, orga-
10 nize, and administer the National Guard Operation About
11 Face in the State.

12 “(2) The agreement may provide for the Secretary
13 to provide funds to the State for civilian personnel costs
14 attributable to the use of civilian employees of the Na-
15 tional Guard in the conduct of the National Guard Oper-
16 ation About Face.

17 “(d) PERSONS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN PRO-
18 GRAM.—Any at risk youth may participate in the National
19 Guard Operation About Face. The Secretary of Defense
20 shall prescribe the standards and procedures for selecting
21 participants from among at risk youth.

22 “(e) AUTHORIZED BENEFITS FOR PARTICIPANTS.—
23 To the extent provided in an agreement entered into in
24 accordance with subsection (c):

1 “(1) Any funds made available or transferred to
2 the Secretary of Defense by other Federal agencies
3 under section (b)(2)(B) of this section may be used
4 to provide a stipend to participants for the work ex-
5 perience portion of the National Guard Operation
6 About Face:

7 “(A) For the original purpose for which
8 the funds were appropriated and in accordance
9 with the regulations of the Federal agency from
10 which the funds were made available or trans-
11 ferred.

12 “(B) For the purpose for which defense
13 funds are appropriated and in accordance with
14 the regulations prescribed by the Secretary of
15 Defense for the National Guard Operation
16 About Face.

17 “(C) In the case of a conflict between the
18 regulations described in paragraph (A) and (B),
19 the regulations of the Federal agency from
20 which the funds were made available or trans-
21 ferred shall apply.

22 “(2) A participant in the national Guard Oper-
23 ation About Face may receive the following addi-
24 tional benefits in connection with the program:

25 “(A) Light refreshments.

1 “(B) Transportation.

2 “(C) Supplies.

3 “(D) Services.

4 “(f) PROGRAM PERSONNEL.—Personnel of the Na-
5 tional Guard of a State in which the National Guard Oper-
6 ation About Face is conducted may serve on full-time Na-
7 tional Guard duty for the purpose of providing manage-
8 rial, administrative, training, or supporting services for
9 the program.

10 “(g) EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES.—Equipment and
11 facilities of the National Guard, including military prop-
12 erty of the United States issued to the National Guard,
13 may be used in carrying out the National Guard Operation
14 About Face.

15 “(h) SUPPLEMENTAL RESOURCES.—To carry out the
16 National Guard Operation About Face in a State, the
17 Governor of the State or, in the case of the District of
18 Columbia, the commanding general of the District of Co-
19 lumbia National Guard, may supplement funds made
20 available under the program out of other resources (in-
21 cluding gifts) available to the Governor or the com-
22 manding general. The Governor or the commanding Fed-
23 eral may accept, use, and dispose of gifts or donations of
24 money, other property or services for the National Guard
25 Operation About Face.

1 “(i) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

2 “(1) The term ‘State’ includes the Common-
3 wealth of Puerto Rico, the territories, and the Dis-
4 trict of Columbia.

5 “(2) The term ‘at-risk youth’ has the same
6 meaning given that term in section 1432 of the Ele-
7 mentary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20
8 U.S.C. 6472.”.

9 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
10 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by adding
11 at the end the following new item:

“510. National Guard operation about face to provide life-skills for at-risk
youth.”.

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