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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GOODE (for himself, Mr. JONES of North Carolina, and Mr. TANCREDO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Select Committee on Homeland Security, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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

1 **SECTION 1. ASSIGNMENT OF MEMBERS TO ASSIST BUREAU**
2 **OF BORDER SECURITY AND BUREAU OF CITI-**
3 **ZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES OF**
4 **THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY.**

5 (a) ASSIGNMENT AUTHORITY OF SECRETARY OF DE-
6 FENSE.—Chapter 18 of title 10, United States Code, is
7 amended by inserting after section 374 the following new
8 section:

9 **“§ 374a. Assignment of members to assist border pa-**
10 **trol and control**

11 “(a) ASSIGNMENT AUTHORIZED.—Upon submission
12 of a request consistent with subsection (b), the Secretary
13 of Defense may assign members of the Army, Navy, Air
14 Force, and Marine Corps to assist—

15 “(1) the Bureau of Border Security of the De-
16 partment of Homeland Security in preventing the
17 entry of terrorists, drug traffickers, and illegal aliens
18 into the United States; and

19 “(2) the United States Customs Service of the
20 Department of Homeland Security in the inspection
21 of cargo, vehicles, and aircraft at points of entry
22 into the United States to prevent the entry of weap-
23 ons of mass destruction, components of weapons of
24 mass destruction, prohibited narcotics or drugs, or
25 other terrorist or drug trafficking items.

1 “(b) REQUEST FOR ASSIGNMENT.—The assignment
2 of members under subsection (a) may occur only if—

3 “(1) the assignment is at the request of the
4 Secretary of Homeland Security; and

5 “(2) the request is accompanied by a certifi-
6 cation by the Secretary of Homeland Security that
7 the assignment of members pursuant to the request
8 is necessary to respond to a threat to national secu-
9 rity posed by the entry into the United States of ter-
10 rorists, drug traffickers, or illegal aliens.

11 “(c) TRAINING PROGRAM REQUIRED.—The Sec-
12 retary of Homeland Security and the Secretary of De-
13 fense, shall establish a training program to ensure that
14 members receive general instruction regarding issues af-
15 fecting law enforcement in the border areas in which the
16 members may perform duties under an assignment under
17 subsection (a). A member may not be deployed at a border
18 location pursuant to an assignment under subsection (a)
19 until the member has successfully completed the training
20 program.

21 “(d) CONDITIONS OF USE.—(1) Whenever a member
22 who is assigned under subsection (a) to assist the Bureau
23 of Border Security or the United States Customs Service
24 is performing duties at a border location pursuant to the

1 assignment, a civilian law enforcement officer from the
2 agency concerned shall accompany the member.

3 “(2) Nothing in this section shall be construed to—

4 “(A) authorize a member assigned under sub-
5 section (a) to conduct a search, seizure, or other
6 similar law enforcement activity or to make an ar-
7 rest; and

8 “(B) supersede section 1385 of title 18 (popu-
9 larly known as the ‘Posse Comitatus Act’).

10 “(e) ESTABLISHMENT OF ONGOING JOINT TASK
11 FORCES.—(1) The Secretary of Homeland Security may
12 establish ongoing joint task forces if the Secretary of
13 Homeland Security determines that the joint task force,
14 and the assignment of members to the joint task force,
15 is necessary to respond to a threat to national security
16 posed by the entry into the United States of terrorists,
17 drug traffickers, or illegal aliens.

18 “(2) If established, the joint task force shall fully
19 comply with the standards as set forth in this section.

20 “(f) NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.—The Secretary
21 of Homeland Security shall provide to the Governor of the
22 State in which members are to be deployed pursuant to
23 an assignment under subsection (a) and to local govern-
24 ments in the deployment area notification of the deploy-
25 ment of the members to assist the Department of Home-

1 land Security under this section and the types of tasks
2 to be performed by the members.

3 “(g) REIMBURSEMENT REQUIREMENT.—Section 377
4 of this title shall apply in the case of members assigned
5 under subsection (a).

6 “(h) TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY.—No assignment
7 may be made or continued under subsection (a) after Sep-
8 tember 30, 2005.”.

9 (b) COMMENCEMENT OF TRAINING PROGRAM.—The
10 training program required by subsection (b) of section
11 374a of title 10, United States Code, shall be established
12 as soon as practicable after the date of the enactment of
13 this Act.

14 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
15 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting
16 after the item relating to section 374 the following new
17 item:

“374a. Assignment of members to assist border patrol and control.”.

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