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# S. 1062

To enhance the administration of the United States Air Force Institute of Technology, and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. PORTMAN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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## A BILL

To enhance the administration of the United States Air Force Institute of Technology, and for other purposes.

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. ENHANCEMENT OF ADMINISTRATION OF THE**  
4 **UNITED STATES AIR FORCE INSTITUTE OF**  
5 **TECHNOLOGY.**

6 (a) ENHANCEMENT OF ADMINISTRATION.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 901 of title 10,  
8 United States Code, is amended by inserting after  
9 section 9314a the following new section:

1 **“§ 9314b. United States Air Force Institute of Tech-**  
2 **nology: administration**

3 “(a) COMMANDANT.—

4 “(1) SELECTION.—The Commandant of the  
5 United States Air Force Institute of Technology  
6 shall be selected by the Secretary of the Air Force.

7 “(2) ELIGIBILITY.—The Commandant shall be  
8 one of the following:

9 “(A) ACTIVE-DUTY OFFICERS.—An active-  
10 duty officer of the Air Force in a grade not  
11 below the grade of colonel, who is assigned or  
12 detailed to such position.

13 “(B) CIVILIANS.—A civilian individual, in-  
14 cluding an individual who was retired from the  
15 Air Force in a grade not below brigadier gen-  
16 eral, who has the qualifications appropriate to  
17 the position of Commandant and is selected by  
18 the Secretary as the best qualified from among  
19 candidates for the position in accordance  
20 with—

21 “(i) the criteria specified in paragraph  
22 (5);

23 “(ii) a process determined by the Sec-  
24 retary; and

25 “(iii) other factors the Secretary con-  
26 siders relevant.

1           “(3) CONSULTATION OF RELEVANT INDIVID-  
2           UALS.—Before making an assignment, detail, or se-  
3           lection of an individual for the position of Com-  
4           mandant, the Secretary shall—

5                   “(A) consult with the Air Force Institute  
6                   of Technology Subcommittee of the Air Univer-  
7                   sity Board of Visitors;

8                   “(B) consider any recommendation of the  
9                   leadership and faculty of the United States Air  
10                  Force Institute of Technology regarding the as-  
11                  signment or selection to that position; and

12                  “(C) consider the recommendations of the  
13                  Chief of Staff of the Air Force.

14           “(4) FIVE YEAR TERM FOR CIVILIAN COM-  
15           MANDANT.—An individual selected for the position  
16           of Commandant under paragraph (1)(B) shall serve  
17           in that position for a term of not more than five  
18           years and may be continued in that position for an  
19           additional term of up to five years.

20           “(5) RELEVANT QUALIFICATIONS.—The quali-  
21           fications appropriate for selection of an individual  
22           for detail or assignment to the position of Com-  
23           mandant include the following:

24                   “(A) An academic degree that is either—

1           “(i) a doctorate degree in a field of  
2 study relevant to the mission and function  
3 of the United States Air Force Institute of  
4 Technology; or

5           “(ii) a master’s degree in a field of  
6 study relevant to the mission and function  
7 of the United States Air Force Institute of  
8 Technology, but only if—

9           “(I) the individual is an active-  
10 duty or retired officer of the Air  
11 Force in a grade not below the grade  
12 of brigadier general; and

13           “(II) at the time of the selection  
14 of that individual as Commandant,  
15 the individual permanently appointed  
16 to the position of Provost and Aca-  
17 demic Dean has a doctorate degree in  
18 a field of study relevant to the mission  
19 and function of the United States Air  
20 Force Institute of Technology.

21           “(B) A comprehensive understanding of  
22 the Department of the Air Force, the Depart-  
23 ment of Defense, and joint and combined oper-  
24 ations.

1           “(C) Leadership experience at the senior  
2 level in a large and diverse organization.

3           “(D) Demonstrated ability to foster and  
4 encourage a program of research in order to  
5 sustain academic excellence.

6           “(E) Other qualifications, as determined  
7 by the Secretary.

8           “(6) SUPPORT.—The Secretary shall detail offi-  
9 cers of the Air Force of appropriate grades and  
10 qualifications to assist the Commandant in—

11           “(A) the advanced instruction and profes-  
12 sional and technical education of students and  
13 the provision of research opportunities for stu-  
14 dents; and

15           “(B) the administration of the United  
16 States Air Force Institute of Technology.

17           “(b) PROVOST AND ACADEMIC DEAN.—

18           “(1) IN GENERAL.—There is established at the  
19 United States Air Force Institute of Technology the  
20 civilian position of Provost and Academic Dean.

21           “(2) APPOINTMENT.—

22           “(A) APPOINTMENT BY SECRETARY.—The  
23 Provost and Academic Dean shall be appointed  
24 by the Secretary for a term of five years.

1           “(B) CONSULTATION.—Before making an  
2           appointment to the position of Provost and  
3           Academic Dean, the Secretary shall consult  
4           with the Air Force Institute of Technology Sub-  
5           committee of the Air University Board of Visi-  
6           tors and shall consider any recommendation of  
7           the leadership and faculty of the United States  
8           Air Force Institute of Technology regarding an  
9           appointment to that position.

10           “(3) COMPENSATION.—The Provost and Aca-  
11           demic Dean is entitled to such compensation as the  
12           Secretary prescribes, but not more than the rate of  
13           compensation authorized for level IV of the Execu-  
14           tive Schedule.”.

15           (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-  
16           tions at the beginning of chapter 901 of such title  
17           is amended by inserting after the item relating to  
18           section 9314a the following new item:

“9314b. United States Air Force Institute of Technology: administration.”.

19           (b) TREATMENT OF CURRENT COMMANDANT.—The  
20           officer who is serving as Commandant of the United  
21           States Air Force Institute of Technology at the time of  
22           the enactment of this Act may serve as acting Com-  
23           mandant until the appointment of a Commandant in ac-

- 1 cordance with section 9314b(a) of title 10, United States
- 2 Code, as added by subsection (a).

