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To amend title 10, United States Code, to improve the provision of naturalization assistance to members of the uniformed services, including new recruits, who are not citizens of the United States, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VEASEY (for himself, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. GUTIÉRREZ, Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas, Mr. CORREA, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, Mr. VELA, Ms. MCCOLLUM, and Mrs. DEMINGS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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. ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICE OF SERVICE MEM-**
2 **BER NATURALIZATION AND DESIGNATION OF**
3 **NATURALIZATION OFFICES ON CERTAIN**
4 **MILITARY INSTALLATIONS.**

5 (a) DESIGNATION REQUIRED.—Chapter 80 of title
6 10, United States Code, is amended by inserting after sec-
7 tion 1566a the following new section:

8 **“§ 1566b. Naturalization assistance: Office of Service**
9 **Member Naturalization and installation**
10 **naturalization offices**

11 “(a) OFFICE OF SERVICE MEMBER NATURALIZA-
12 TION.—The Secretary of Defense shall establish an office
13 in the Department of Defense, to be known as the ‘Office
14 of Service Member Naturalization’, whose mission shall
15 be—

16 “(1) to identify members of the uniformed serv-
17 ices, including new recruits, who are not citizens of
18 the United States;

19 “(2) to inform such members of the availability
20 of naturalization assistance to facilitate such mem-
21 bers in becoming citizens;

22 “(3) to help such members complete the natu-
23 ralization process before their separation from the
24 uniformed services; and

25 “(4) to coordinate points-of-contact at military
26 installations to ensure that personnel who are re-

1 sponsible for assisting members through the natu-
2 ralization process successfully complete their assign-
3 ments.

4 “(b) DESIGNATION OF INSTALLATION NATURALIZA-
5 TION OFFICES.—Under regulations prescribed by the Sec-
6 retary of Defense under subsection (e), the Secretaries of
7 the military departments shall designate naturalization of-
8 fices—

9 “(1) on military installations under their juris-
10 diction at which the initial entry training program
11 for new recruits for the uniformed services is con-
12 ducted; and

13 “(2) on such other military installations as the
14 Secretary concerned shall determine are best located
15 to provide access to naturalization assistance for
16 members of the uniformed services who are not citi-
17 zens of the United States.

18 “(c) TYPES OF NATURALIZATION ASSISTANCE.—(1)
19 A naturalization office shall make available Form N-400,
20 Application for Naturalization, and Form N-426, Request
21 for Certification of Military or Naval Service.

22 “(2) A naturalization office shall assist members of
23 the uniformed services, including new recruits, who are
24 not citizens of the United States in completing the process
25 to become a citizen of the United States. If, through no

1 fault of the member, a member whose service has been
2 honorable is unable to complete the naturalization process
3 before separation from the uniformed services, the natu-
4 ralization office shall continue to work with the member
5 until completion of the naturalization process.

6 “(d) APPLICABILITY TO OTHER ELEMENTS OF THE
7 UNIFORMED SERVICES.—The Secretary of Homeland Se-
8 curity with respect to the Coast Guard when it is not oper-
9 ating as a service in the Department of the Navy, the Sec-
10 retary of Health and Human Services with respect to the
11 commissioned corps of the Public Health Service, and the
12 Secretary of Commerce with respect to the commissioned
13 corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Adminis-
14 tration shall carry out this section in the case of members
15 of the uniformed services under their jurisdiction.

16 “(e) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary of Defense, in
17 consultation with the Secretaries referred to in subsection
18 (d), shall prescribe regulations relating to the administra-
19 tion of the requirements of this section.”.

20 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
21 at the beginning of chapter 80 of such title is amended
22 by inserting after the item relating to section 1566a the
23 following new item:

“1566b. Naturalization assistance: Office of Service Member Naturalization and
installation naturalization offices.”.

1 **SEC. 2. IMPROVED PROVISION OF APPLICATIONS FOR NAT-**
2 **URALIZATION AND FORMS FOR CERTIFI-**
3 **CATION OF MILITARY OR NAVAL SERVICE AT**
4 **MILITARY ENTRANCE PROCESSING COM-**
5 **MAND CENTERS.**

6 (a) DUTY TO PROVIDE MATERIALS.—Section 1790
7 of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

8 (1) by striking “Using funds” and inserting the
9 following:

10 “(b) REIMBURSEMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
11 PROCESSING AND ADJUDICATION COSTS.—Using funds”;
12 and

13 (2) by inserting after the section heading the
14 following new subsection:

15 “(a) PROVISION OF NATURALIZATION APPLICATIONS
16 AND SERVICE CERTIFICATION FORMS.—The Under Sec-
17 retary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness shall en-
18 sure that each Military Entrance Processing Station pro-
19 vides the Form N-400, Application for Naturalization,
20 and Form N-426, Request for Certification of Military or
21 Naval Service, to new recruits for the uniformed services
22 who are processed at the center and are not citizens of
23 the United States.”.

24 (b) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—Section 1790 of
25 title 10, United States Code, as amended by subsection

1 (a), is further amended by adding at the end the following
2 new subsection:

3 “(c) ANNUAL REPORT.—Through December 31,
4 2021, the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and
5 Readiness shall submit to the Secretary of Defense, the
6 Secretary of Homeland Security, the Committees on
7 Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Represent-
8 atives, and the Committees on the Judiciary of the Senate
9 and the House of Representatives an annual report speci-
10 fying—

11 “(1) the number of members of each uniformed
12 service who received the naturalization materials de-
13 scribed in subsection (a) at Military Entrance Proc-
14 essing Stations and installation naturalization offices
15 during the year covered by the report; and

16 “(2) the amount of reimbursement provided
17 under subsection (b) to the United States Citizen-
18 ship and Immigration Services during the year cov-
19 ered by the report.”.

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