SEC. __. JOINT FORCES STAFF COLLEGE NAME CHANGE.

Subtitle A of title 10, United States Code, is amended by striking "Joint Forces Staff College" each place it appears and inserting "Joint Forces War College" in the following provisions:

(1) Section 663(c)(3).

(2) The item relating to section 2156 in the table of sections at the beginning of chapter 107.

(3) Section 2154(a)(2)(A).

(4) Section 2155(a)(2).

(5) Section 2156 (including the section heading).

(6) Section 2162(b)(2).

(7) Section 2165(b)(3).

[Please note: The "Changes to Existing Law" section below sets out in red-line format how the legislative text would amend existing law.]

Section-by-Section Analysis

This proposal would change the current title of Joint Forces Staff College (JFSC) to the Joint Forces War College (JFWC). "Staff College" no longer accurately reflects the institution's mission and role within National Defense University (NDU) and the broader Joint Professional Military Education (JPME) community.

In 1989, when JFSC (originally the Armed Forces Staff College) was assigned its current mission, the Joint and Combined Warfighting School (JCWS) took on the task to produce JPME-II certified officers, and was one of three JPME II granting schools (the others being National War College and Eisenhower School, formerly Industrial College of the Armed Forces) within the Department of Defense. As originally envisioned, JFSC, through the then 12-week (now 10-week) JCWS JPME II course, focused on the operational level of war. JPME II certification was originally intended to be a preparatory course for officers' en-route to their first Joint assignment.

In 2005, the law was changed to authorize Service War college courses of at least 10-months in duration to award JPME II credit. In 2006, the Joint Advanced Warfighting School (JAWS), a senior War college equivalent, was designated at the Joint Forces Staff College and

certified to award JPME II credit. In 2019, to better serve the Joint force in today's global security environment, JFSC incorporated the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff's Force Development vision for professional military education by refocusing the JCWS JPME II curriculum at the strategic-operational nexus, the same level as all other War college JPME II curricula.

With a refocused curriculum, the shift from a "Staff" college to a "War" college is more evident when considering the traditional Staff and War college curricular focus. Traditionally, Service Staff colleges teach joint operations and leader development from the standpoint of Service forces in a joint force supported by Service component commands. Staff colleges offer selected mid-grade officers a chance to step out of the field and the realm of small unit tactics to study the larger operational sphere of warfare. War college attendees study theater- and national-level strategies and processes, and focus on warfighting from the combatant command, Joint Staff, and DoD perspectives. War college curricula is at the strategic-operational nexus of warfare, and graduates often assume high-level command, staff, and policy responsibilities in the national security arena.

JFSC is currently enhancing its JCWS curriculum to meet the Chairman's PME vision for JPME II level curriculum. JAWS, as a senior-level joint school, will continue to provide education to senior Service officers. The educational focus of the JFWC will be on the operational and strategic nexus of war vice the tactical or lower level operational (Service component) realm. With this proposed change, the enhanced JCWS and JAWS will be JPME-II granting programs under the Joint Forces War College component of the National Defense University.

Budget Implications: This proposal has no significant budgetary impact. Resources impacted are incidental in nature and amount, and are included within the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 President's Budget Request.

Changes to Existing Law: This proposal would make the following changes to subtitle A of title 10, United States Code:

§ 663. Joint duty assignments after completion of joint professional military education

(a) JOINT QUALIFIED OFFICERS.—The Secretary of Defense shall ensure that each officer designated as a joint qualified officer who graduates from a school within the National Defense University specified in subsection (c) shall be assigned to a joint duty assignment for that officer's next duty assignment after such graduation (unless the officer receives a waiver of that requirement by the Secretary in an individual case).

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(c) COVERED SCHOOLS WITHIN THE NATIONAL DEFENSE UNIVERSITY.—For purposes of this section, a school within the National Defense University specified in this subsection is one of the following:

(1) The National War College.

(2) The Dwight D. Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy.

(3) The Joint Forces ~~Staff~~ War College.

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§ 2154. Joint professional military education: three-phase approach

(a) THREE-PHASE APPROACH.—The Secretary of Defense shall implement a three-phase approach to joint professional military education, as follows:

(1) There shall be a course of instruction, designated and certified by the Secretary of Defense with the advice and assistance of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff as Phase I instruction, consisting of all the elements of a joint professional military education (as specified in section 2151(a) of this title), in addition to the principal curriculum taught to all officers at an intermediate level service school or at a joint intermediate level school.

(2) There shall be a course of instruction, designated and certified by the Secretary of Defense with the advice and assistance of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff as Phase II instruction, consisting of—

(A) a joint professional military education curriculum taught in residence at, or offered through, the Joint Forces ~~Staff~~ War College or a senior level service school that has been designated and certified by the Secretary of Defense as a joint professional military education institution; or

(B) a senior level service course of at least ten months that has been designated and certified by the Secretary of Defense as a joint professional military education course.

(3) There shall be a course of instruction, designated and certified by the Secretary of Defense with the advice and assistance of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff as the Capstone course, for officers selected for promotion to the grade of brigadier general or, in the case of the Navy, rear admiral (lower half) and offered in accordance with section 2153 of this title.

(b) SEQUENCED APPROACH.—The Secretary shall require the sequencing of joint professional military education so that the standard sequence of assignments for such education requires an officer to complete Phase I instruction before proceeding to Phase II instruction, as provided in section 2155(a) of this title.

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§ 2155. Joint professional military education Phase II program of instruction

(a) PREREQUISITE OF COMPLETION OF JOINT PROFESSIONAL MILITARY EDUCATION PHASE I PROGRAM OF INSTRUCTION.—(1) After September 30, 2009, an officer of the armed forces may not be accepted for, or assigned to, a program of instruction designated by the Secretary of Defense as joint professional military education Phase II unless the officer has successfully

completed a program of instruction designated by the Secretary of Defense as joint professional military education Phase I.

(2) The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff may grant exceptions to the requirement under paragraph (1). Such an exception may be granted only on a case-by-case basis under exceptional circumstances, as determined by the Chairman. An officer selected to receive such an exception shall have knowledge of joint matters and other aspects of the Phase I curriculum that, to the satisfaction of the Chairman, qualifies the officer to meet the minimum requirements established for entry into Phase II instruction without first completing Phase I instruction. The number of officers selected to attend an offering of the principal course of instruction at the Joint Forces ~~Staff~~ War College or a senior level service school designated by the Secretary of Defense as a joint professional military education institution who have not completed Phase I instruction should comprise no more than 10 percent of the total number of officers selected.

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§ 2156. Joint Forces ~~Staff~~ War College: duration of principal course of instruction

(a) DURATION.—The duration of the principal course of instruction offered at the Joint Forces ~~Staff~~ War College may not be less than 10 weeks of resident instruction.

(b) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term "principal course of instruction" means any course of instruction offered at the Joint Forces ~~Staff~~ War College as Phase II joint professional military education.

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§ 2162. Preparation of budget requests for operation of professional military education schools

(a) UNIFORM COST ACCOUNTING.—The Secretary of Defense, with the advice and assistance of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, shall promulgate a uniform cost accounting system for use by the Secretaries of the military departments in preparing budget requests for the operation of professional military education schools.

(b) PREPARATION OF BUDGET REQUESTS.—(1) Amounts requested for a fiscal year for the operation of each professional military education school shall be set forth as a separate budget request in the materials submitted by the Secretary of Defense to Congress in support of the budget request for the Department of Defense.

(2) As executive agent for funding professional development education at the National Defense University, including the Joint Forces ~~Staff~~ War College, the Secretary of Defense, with the advice of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, shall prepare the annual budget for professional development education operations at the National Defense University and set forth that request as a separate budget request in the materials submitted to Congress in support of the budget request for the Department of Defense. Nothing in the preceding sentence affects policies in effect on December 28, 2001, with respect to budgeting for the funding of logistical and base

operations support for components of the National Defense University through the military departments.

(3) The Secretary of a military department preparing a budget request for a professional military education school shall carefully consider the views of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, particularly with respect to the amount of the request for the operation of the schools of the National Defense University and the joint professional military education curricula of the other professional military education schools.

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§ 2165. National Defense University: component institutions

(a) IN GENERAL.—There is a National Defense University in the Department of Defense.

(b) COMPONENT INSTITUTIONS.—The National Defense University consists of the following institutions:

(1) The National War College.

(2) The Dwight D. Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy.

(3) The Joint Forces ~~Staff~~ War College.

(4) The Institute for National Strategic Studies.

(5) The College of Information and Cyberspace.

(6) Any other educational institution of the Department of Defense that the Secretary considers appropriate and designates as an institution of the university.

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