SEC. 525. EXPANSION OF AUTHORITY RELATING TO PHASE II OF THREE–PHASE APPROACH TO JOINT PROFESSIONAL MILITARY EDUCATION.

(a) AUTHORITY FOR OTHER-THAN-IN-RESIDENCE PROGRAM TAUGHT THROUGH JOINT FORCES STAFF COLLEGE.—Section 2154(a)(2) of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking "in residence at";

(2) in subparagraph (A), by inserting "by" after "(A)"; and

(3) in subparagraph (B), by inserting "in residence at" after "(B)".

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 2156(b) of such title is amended by inserting "in residence" after "course of instruction offered".

Section-by-Section Analysis

Section 2154 of title 10, United States Code (U.S.C.), as added by section 532 of the Ronald W. Reagan National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005 (NDAA FY05) (Pub. L. 108-375), required significant change to joint professional military education (JPME) conducted by the Department of Defense (DoD). DoD was to establish JPME as a three-phase approach, and expanding authority for JPME Phase II in residence at a senior-level service school.

This proposal would modify sections 2154 and 2156 of title 10, U.S.C., to expand authority to teach JPME II. Specifically, the proposed change would delete requirements to teach JPME II in residence only and would authorize non-resident delivery of JPME II through the Joint Forces Staff College.

If authorized, this alternative would be a fully seminar-based cohort of JPME-II eligible active and reserve component officers assigned to a "Joint" Staff, to include OSD, Joint Staff, COCOMs, etc. The course would be administered by Joint Forces Staff College (JFSC), taught by Adjunct Faculty, and hosted by the Combatant Commands at their headquarters locations, as well as the Joint Staff in Washington. The course will be considered a satellite campus/DL mode of delivery for accreditation as it is not hosted on the JFSC primary campus in Norfolk, VA.

Additionally, the changes supplement (not reduce) JPME II delivery in residence through the Joint Forces Staff College, and senior level joint and service schools. Lastly, a delivery option through a non-resident means is authorized only through the Joint Forces Staff College.

Department of Defense Priority: Preserve and Enhance the Force—this proposal would authorize non-resident delivery of JPME II through the Joint Forces Staff College, thus opening up this valuable resource to a broader audience.

Budget Implications: The Joint Staff will fund the $1.0-1.2M per year over FY12-16.

	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	Appropriation	Budget Activity	Line Item
NDU	$1.0	$1.0	$1.0	$1.1	$1.2	Operations & Maintenance, Defense-wide	01	TJS
Total	$1.0	$1.0	$1.0	$1.1	$1.2			

Changes to Existing Law: This section would make the following changes to 10 U.S.C. sections 2154 and 2156:

§ 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.

(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 joint professional military education curriculum taught ~~in residence at—~~

(A) **by** the Joint Forces Staff College; or

(B) **in residence at** a senior level service school that has been designated and certified by the Secretary of Defense as a joint professional military education institution.

(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.

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

(a) DURATION.—The duration of the principal course of instruction offered at the Joint Forces Staff 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 **in residence** at the Joint Forces Staff College as Phase II joint professional military education.