SEC. ___. SENIOR MILITARY ACQUISITION ADVISOR/ADJUNCT PROFESSOR PROGRAM.

(a) PROGRAM AUTHORITY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 87 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by inserting after section 1724 the following new section:

"§ 1725. Senior Military Acquisition Advisor/Adjunct Professor Program

"(a) POSITION.—(1) The Secretary of Defense may establish a position in the Defense Acquisition Corps to be known as 'Senior Military Acquisition Advisor'. Senior Military Acquisition Advisors shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

"(2) An officer who is appointed as a Senior Military Acquisition Advisor—

"(A) shall serve as an advisor to, and provide senior level acquisition expertise to, the Service Acquisition Executive of that officer's military department in accordance with this section; and

"(B) shall be assigned as an adjunct professor at the Defense Acquisition University.

"(b) CONTINUATION ON ACTIVE DUTY.—An officer who is appointed as a Senior Military Acquisition Advisor may continue on active duty while serving in such position without regard to any mandatory retirement date that would otherwise be applicable to that officer by reason of years of service or age. An officer who is continued on active duty pursuant to this section is not eligible for consideration for selection for promotion.

"(c) RETIRED GRADE.—Upon retirement, an officer who is a Senior Military Acquisition Advisor may, in the discretion of the President, be retired in the grade of brigadier general or rear admiral (lower half) if—

"(1) the officer has served as a Senior Military Acquisition Advisor for a period of not less than three years; and

"(2) the officer's service as a Senior Military Acquisition Advisor has been distinguished.

"(d) SELECTION AND TENURE.—(1) Selection of an officer for recommendation for appointment as a Senior Military Acquisition Advisor shall be made competitively and shall be based upon demonstrated experience and expertise in acquisition.

"(2) Officers shall be selected for recommendation for appointment as Senior Military Acquisition Advisors from among officers of the Defense Acquisition Corps from among officers who are serving in the grade of colonel or, in the case of the Navy, captain, and who have at least 12 years of acquisition experience. An officer selected for recommendation for appointment as a Senior Military Acquisition Advisor, shall have at least 30 years of active commissioned service at the time of appointment.

"(3) Appointment of an officer as a Senior Military Acquisition Advisor shall be for no longer than a five-year term.

"(e) LIMITATION.—(1) There may not be more than 15 Senior Military Acquisition Advisors at any time, of whom—

"(A) not more than five may be officers of the Army;

"(B) not more than five may be officers of the Navy and Marine Corps; and

"(C) not more than five may be officers of the Air Force.

"(2) Subject to paragraph (1), the number of Senior Military Acquisition Advisors for each military department shall be as required and identified by the Service Acquisition Executive and approved by the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics.

"(f) ADVICE TO SERVICE ACQUISITION EXECUTIVE.—An officer who is a Senior Military Acquisition Advisor shall have as the officer's primary duty providing strategic, technical, and programmatic advice to the Service Acquisition Executive of the officer's military department on matters pertaining to the Defense Acquisition System, including matters pertaining to procurement, research and development, advanced technology, test and evaluation, production, program management, systems engineering, and lifecycle logistics.".

(2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of subchapter II of such chapter is amended by adding at the end the following new item:

"1725. Senior Military Acquisition Advisor/Adjunct Professor Program.".

(b) EXCLUSION FROM OFFICER GRADE-STRENGTH LIMITATIONS.—Section 523(b) of such title is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

"(9) Officers who are Senior Military Acquisition Advisors under section 1725 of this title, but not to exceed 15.".

Section-by-Section Analysis

This proposal would add a new section 1725 and amend section 523 of title 10, United States Code, to establish the Senior Military Acquisition Advisor/Adjunct Professor Program at the Defense Acquisition University. The program would allow an officer in the grade of colonel or (Navy) captain with extensive defense acquisition experience and who is eligible to retire to remain in service as an O-6 Senior Military Acquisition Advisor in support of their Service Acquisition Executive and assigned as an Adjunct Professor at the Defense Acquisition University. The revision to section 523 would exclude the advisors from Service computations of authorized military strengths.

Senior Military Acquisition Advisors would be competitively selected and appointed based upon demonstrated experience in acquisition. Senior Military Acquisition Advisors would provide senior level acquisition expertise to the Service Acquisition Executive of their military department for the remainder of their career. An officer who is continued on active duty under

this program is not eligible for consideration for selection for promotion. A Senior Military Acquisition Advisor will serve no longer than a 5 year term. Not more than 5 Senior Military Acquisition Advisors would be employed in each military department as identified by the Service Acquisition Executive and approved by the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology & Logistics). When a Senior Military Acquisition Advisor retires with a minimum of 3 years of service, the officer may, at the discretion of the President, be retired as a brigadier general or rear admiral (lower half). There would be no increase in retired pay or other compensation to any person by reason of retirement of an officer in the grade of brigadier general or rear admiral (lower half) under this proposal.

Senior Military Acquisition Advisors would be assigned to the Defense Acquisition University and report to the Service Acquisition Executive in their function as advisor. Senior Military Acquisition Advisors would primarily provide strategic, technical, and programmatic advice to the Service Acquisition Executive on matters pertaining to the defense acquisition system including procurement, research and development, advanced technology, test and evaluation, production, program management, systems engineering and lifecycle logistics. Military faculty members from the Senior Military Acquisition Advisor/Adjunct Professor Program would also serve as adjunct professors at the Defense Acquisition University on an as needed basis and will be required, among other duties, to develop case studies to stimulate critical thinking and improve student understanding of complex acquisition-related matters as well as to develop tools and capabilities to improve acquisition outcomes.

Senior Military Acquisition Advisors would be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, from officers in the Defense Acquisition Corps who are at the grade of O-6, have at least 12 years of acquisition experience, and at least 30 years of active commissioned service at the time of appointment.

Budget Implications: The table below details resource requirements and proposed offsets associated with this proposal.

RESOURCE REQUIREMENTS ($MILLIONS)									
$M	**FY 2017**	**FY 2018**	**FY 2019**	**FY 2020**	**FY 2021**	**Appropriation From**	**Budget Activity**	**Dash-1 Line Item**	**Program Element**
Army	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.4	Military Personnel, Army	01	5	N/A
Navy	1.4	1.6	1.8	2.1	2.2	Military Personnel, Navy	01	5	N/A
Air Force	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	Military Personnel, AF	01	5	N/A
Total	3.7	4.0	4.3	4.6	4.8				

Changes to Existing Law: This proposal (1) would add a new section 1725 to title 10, United States Code, shown in full in the legislative text above, and (2) would make the following change to section 523 of that title:

§ 523. Authorized strengths: commissioned officers on active duty in grades of major, lieutenant colonel, and colonel and Navy grades of lieutenant commander, commander, and captain

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(b) Officers in the following categories shall be excluded in computing and determining authorized strengths under this section:

(1) Reserve officers—

(A) on active duty as authorized under section 115(a)(1)(B) or 115(b)(1) of this title, or excluded from counting for active duty end strengths under section 115(i) of this title;

(B) on active duty under section 10211, 10302 through 10305, or 12402 of this title or under section 708 of title 32; or

(C) on full-time National Guard duty.

(2) General and flag officers.

(3) Medical officers.

(4) Dental officers.

(5) Warrant officers.

(6) Retired officers on active duty under a call or order to active duty for 180 days or less.

(7) Retired officers on active duty under section 10(b)(2) of the Military Selective Service Act (50 U.S.C. App. 460(b)(2)) for the administration of the Selective Service System.

(8) Permanent professors of the United States Military Academy and the United States Air Force Academy and professors of the United States Naval Academy who are career military professors (as defined in regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Navy), but not to exceed 50 from any such academy.

<u>(9) Officers who are Senior Military Acquisition Advisors under section 1725 of this title, but not to exceed 15.</u>

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