SEC. 1104. TWO-YEAR EXTENSION OF SUNSET PROVISION APPLICABLE TO EXPEDITED HIRING AUTHORITY FOR DESIGNATED DEFENSE ACQUISITION WORKFORCE POSITIONS.

Section 1705(g)(2) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by striking "September 30, 2017" and inserting "September 30, 2019".

Section-by-Section Analysis

This proposal would amend section 1705 of title 10, United States Code, to extend by two years the sunset provision applicable to the authority of the Secretary of Defense to designate for purposes of expedited hiring authority a category of acquisition positions within the Department of Defense for which there exists a shortage of candidate or there is a critical hiring need. Currently, this authority will expire on September 30, 2017. The Department of Defense recommends extension of the sunset provision as the conditions for use of this authority are still warranted and continued use of authority will ensure critical acquisition needs are met.

Budget Implications: This proposal is an extension of authority and requires no funding to implement. There are no budget implications. This proposal does not alter the source from which employees are paid; it simply extends the existing authority to hire an employee.

Changes to Existing Law: This proposal would make the following change to section 1705 of title 10, United States Code:

§ 1705. Department of Defense Acquisition Workforce Development Fund

(a) ***

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(g) EXPEDITED HIRING AUTHORITY.—

(1) For purposes of sections 3304, 5333, and 5753 of title 5, the Secretary of Defense may—

(A) designate any category of acquisition workforce positions as positions for which there exists a shortage of candidates or there is a critical hiring need; and

(B) utilize the authorities in such sections to recruit and appoint qualified persons directly to positions so designated.

(2) The Secretary may not appoint a person to a position of employment under this subsection after September 30, ~~2017~~ **2019**.

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