SEC. __. SENIOR MILITARY ACQUISITION ADVISOR ELIGIBILITY.

Section 1725(d)(2) of title 10, United States Code, is amended in the second sentence by striking “30 years” and inserting “26 years”.

[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

Section 866 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 added a new section 1725 to title 10, United States Code, providing the authority to establish Senior Military Acquisition Advisor positions in the Defense Acquisition Corps. This proposal amends the officer eligibility from at least 30 years of active commissioned service at the time of appointment to at least 26 years. This change is necessary for both the officers and the Military Departments in order to provide ample time to plan for the appointment ahead of the mandatory retirement date.

Budget Implications: None.

Changes to Existing Law: This proposal would make the following changes to section 1725 of title 10, United States Code:

§1725. Senior Military Acquisition Advisors

(a) POSITION.-

(1) IN GENERAL.-The Secretary of Defense may establish in the Defense Acquisition Corps a position to be known as "Senior Military Acquisition Advisor".

(2) APPOINTMENT.-A Senior Military Acquisition Advisor shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

(3) SCOPE OF POSITION.-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.

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(d) SELECTION AND TENURE.-

(1) IN GENERAL.-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 ELIGIBLE.-Officers shall be selected for recommendation for appointment as Senior Military Acquisition Advisors from among officers of the Defense Acquisition Corps 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~~ 26 years of active commissioned service at the time of appointment.

(3) TERM.-The appointment of an officer as a Senior Military Acquisition Advisor shall be for a term of not longer than five years.

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