

Proposals to Repeal, Modify or Consolidate Existing Reporting Requirements

To continue the Department's efforts to reduce the burden of congressional report requirements on the Department, each component should review existing statutory reporting requirements within its purview and submit legislative proposals that would repeal outdated reporting requirements, consolidate duplicative requirements, propose amendments to make the preparation of reports more efficient, or otherwise reduce the burden on the Department of congressionally-mandated statutory reporting requirements.

Alternatively, the component may submit the Excel spreadsheet titled "Information Required for Submission of Repeal, Modification or Combination of Reporting Requirements" (which is available on the OLC website) with the following information:

- 1) For each reporting requirement recommendation, the component will list its name, the title of the report, the statutory citation of the report, the type of change requested, a summary of the recommended change, a justification for the change, the agency point of contact, and the subject matter expert.
- 2) If the recommendation originated from a subcomponent, please also list the subcomponent (in parentheses) after the name of the submitting component.

Also available on the OLC website is a "Worksheet for Reporting Requirements Submissions" that components can use to help gather the information needed for the template.

Each reporting requirement proposal should have a statutory citation. For example, the citation could be a United States Code citation such as "10 U.S.C. 10504"; a citation from a previous National Defense Authorization Act, such as "FY 2009 NDAA, Section 1034"; or a citation to another law such as "Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2008, Section 8112" or "Defense Acquisition Improvement Act of 1986, Section 908(b)". Please note that only those reporting requirements with a statutory citation should be included. Reporting requirements from a conference report or other non-statutory language should not be included in this process.

For each reporting requirement, the component should specify the type of change it is requesting – repeal, modification, or consolidation of two or more reports. The component should also provide a summary of the recommended change and a justification for the change. Components should be aware that this information – including the justification – will be provided to Congress; thus, the justification should focus on efficiency and/or manpower rationales rather than on whether or not the report is read or utilized by Congress.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to the Office of Legislative Counsel at (703) 697-1305.