

2nd Interim Report – National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for 2025

This report tracks amendments for **National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for 2025**, [HR 8070](#), which the [House Rules Committee](#) approved for floor votes, assigning numbers listed in the left column. Some passed (“P”) with recorded votes, as indicated, and some marked “EB” (En bloc) passed in bundled packages, either in Committee or on the floor. Measures not passed show preliminary numbers. This Interim Report concentrates on military/social issues of concern to the **Center for Military Readiness (CMR)**. It will be updated again when Reports of both the House and Senate Armed Services Committee are released with assigned Section numbers.

Meritocracy & Non-Discrimination

Rule No.	Bill Section	Primary Sponsor	Out-come	Topic
--	547	Banks	P: 30-28	Affirms meritocracy and bans discrimination at the military service academies, recognizing no less than 30% weighted consideration of standardized test scores

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

Rule No.	Bill Section	Primary Sponsor	Out-come	Topic
--	573	Banks	EB#3	Defense Secretary may not establish or maintain any committee, panel, office, or other organization responsible for DEI programs in DoDEA schools
41		Banks	P 216-206	Limits new DEI positions or vacancy replacements, making DEI hiring freeze permanent
43		Higgins	P 214-210	Eliminates Chief Diversity Officer of the Department of Defense
42		Norman	P 211-208	Eliminates offices of DEI and personnel of such offices
298		Mills	EB#5	Requests DoD Report to HASC and SASC on Defense Advisory Committee on Diversity and Inclusion (DACODAI) procedures, recommendations, and studies

Critical Race Theory (CRT)

Rule No.	Bill Section	Primary Sponsor	Out-come	Topic
--		Banks	EB#1	Requires DoD Education Activity (DoDEA) to provide a report explaining the purpose and value of plans to incorporate “social emotional learning” (SEL) curriculum in DoDEA schools
46		Steube	P: 221-202	Prohibits DoDEA schools from purchasing, displaying, or maintaining material promoting radical gender ideology or pornographic content.
47		Luna	Voice Vote	Prohibits critical race theory (CRT) indoctrination with detailed definitions of race-based theories

Abortion/Reproductive Rights & Technology

Rule No.	Bill Section	Primary Sponsor	Out-come	Topic
55		Van Duyne	P: 214-207	Prohibits DoD funding for expenses related to abortions

LGBT/Transgender Treatments and Surgeries

Rule No.	Bill Section	Primary Sponsor	Out-come	Topic
52		Rosendale	P: 213-206	Prohibits coverage of “sex reassignment” and related surgeries under Tricare
53		Norman	P: 218-205	Prohibits gender transition services or referrals through the Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) for minor dependent children, and change of duty station through EFMP to obtain access to such procedures
49		Mills	P: 217-206	Strikes exemption that allows military chain of command or senior civilian leadership to approve the display of unapproved flags at military installations.
54		Brechen	Voice Vote	Prohibits drag shows and story hours

COVID-19 Mandates

Rule No.	Bill Section	Primary Sponsor	Out-come	Topic
341		Self	Voice Vote	Sense of Congress: DoD must restore the personnel records and repair the careers of chaplains who suffered adverse personnel actions after seeking a religious accommodation request to COVID-19 mandate
143		Wenstrup		Requires study on blood work of servicemembers regarding COVID-19
51		Ogles		Prohibits mask mandates to prevent spread of COVID-19 on military bases
--		Mace	EB#2	Requests report on reinstatement of servicemembers separated for refusal to receive COVID-19 vaccine

Parents Rights/DoDEA Schools

Rule No.	Bill Section	Primary Sponsor	Out-come	Topic
--	572	Banks	Chmn. Mark	Improves training and pay for teachers and establishes a school choice pilot program for DoD schools in Bahrain

Climate Change/Electric Vehicles

Rule No.	Bill Section	Primary Sponsor	Out-come	Topic
24		Roy	P: 215-210	Prohibits funds to implement named Executive Orders addressing “climate change” and “clean energy”
21		Reschen-thaler	Voice Vote	Prohibits funds to require travel or transportation, under regulations, in a zero-emission vehicle

Miscellaneous

Rule No.	Bill Section	Primary Sponsor	Out-come	Topic
--		McCormick	P: 29-28	Prohibits the use of news sources such as NewsGuard that rate opinions and censor “bias” from a biased perspective
288		Walberg	EB#5	Prohibits TikTok in DoDEA schools
8		Arrington	P: 204-199	Prohibits DoD funds for aircraft to transport Palestine refugees
304		Arrington	Voice Vote	Requires a briefing on instances of attempted breaches of DoD military installations
316		Edwards	EB#5	Suspends or revokes security clearances for individuals who have expressed support for terrorist organizations
322		Luna	EB#5	Requires that Air Force combat controller training include dive school
193		Grothman	EB#3	Quarterly reporting on foreign actor infiltration of DoD facilities
--		Jackson	EB#1	Requires training for commissioned officers on the Constitution of the U.S.

Negative Proposals

Rule No.	Bill Section	Primary Sponsor	Out-come	Topic
--	523	Banks		Defense Secretary shall ensure personnel decisions are based on “ <i>individual merit and demonstrated performance . . . without regard to political affiliation, race, color, religion, national origin, sex, or marital status of the covered member.</i> ” Because “merit” and “sex” are not defined, and personnel actions would not be required to be <i>only</i> based on merit, DoD will be free to continue using “race” as a proxy for “merit” in pursuit of “diversity.” DoD also

			would re-define “sex” to include “gender identity,” affirming and extending current transgender policies with statutory authority. Clarifying language and definitions could deter these unintended consequences
532	Gaetz	Chmn. Mark	Waives restrictions on new recruits testing positive for cannabis
--	Houlahan	Voice Vote	Automatic registration of men for Selective Service (Senate “Draft Our Daughters” measure would extend to women.)
--	Jacobs	EB#1	Briefing on Reviews of Cases of Veterans Denied Honorable Discharges under “DADT.” (Absent UCMJ offenses, persons stating they were homosexual and not rebutting the presumption of homosexual conduct received an honorable or general discharge under honorable conditions.

Positive Proposals Not Passed

Preliminary No.	Primary Sponsor	Topic – These proposed amendments would have:
3740	Waltz	Increased fitness standards for Army close combat force MOSs such as the infantry, to include 25C and 68W. (Failed on tie vote, 29-29.)
719	Grothman	Amended Sec. 523 (Banks) to require personnel actions based “solely” on merit but still leaving “sex” undefined
674	Greene	Prohibited funds for DEI training or implementation
634	Grothman	Prohibited DEI offices and terminated office personnel
654	Alford	Abolished the DEI office within DoD and the military services
1137	Steube	Prohibited use of DEI practices within DoD
1060	McCormick	Prohibited academic degrees or certificates for DEI at the military service academies
245	Davidson	Reduced DEI officials’ pay rate authorized in NDAA for 2024 from “GS-10” (approx. \$70,000) to “GS-1”
1243	Boebert	Abolished the office of the Deputy Inspector General for Diversity & Extremism
	Burlison	Prohibited funds for DoD DEI offices, policies, and practices
1336	Grothman	Prohibited funds for race- and gender-based procurement and hiring practices that discriminate, apply quotas, or give preferential treatment based on race or sex correctly defined in terms of biology
1264	Duncan	Prohibited funds for DEI offices at any level that promote, advance, or enforce DEI mandates, including but not limited to the DACODAI
1052	Steube	Prohibited funds for race-based theories in DoDEA schools (includes definitions)
1262	Duncan	Prohibited funds for DoD CRT instructions (not defined)
1164	Aderholt	Prohibited discrimination against health care providers who do not participate in assisted reproductive technology
22	Greene	Prohibited funds for abortions and related travel to obtain abortions
1338	Rosendale	Prohibited certain types of assisted reproductive technologies

195	Hageman	Prohibited reassignment for the provision of gender transition services
425	Steube	Prohibited certain Internet/social media activities promoting “LGBT Pride Month”
21	Greene	Prohibited use of DoD funds to administer hormone therapies or surgeries for the purpose of changing the body of an individual to correspond to a sex different from their biological sex.
1245	Boebert	Requested report on funds used for Pride Month celebrations compared to Veterans Day and Memorial Day celebrations
1247	Boebert	Reinstated August 2017 Presidential Memo that Trump rescinded when he ordered nuanced policy regarding persons diagnosed with gender dysphoria in March 2018, following an extensive DoD study by a panel of experts
259	Alford	Required reinstatement of servicemembers involuntarily separated solely on the basis of refusing to receive vaccination against COVID-19
109	Mills	Mandated no repayment of signing bonus paid to an individual involuntarily separated on the sole basis of refusal to receive COVID-19 vaccination
679	Gaetz	Required remedies for individuals involuntarily separated solely on the basis of refusing to receive a COVID-19 vaccine
1302	Ogles	Prohibited vaccine mandates to prevent spread of COVID-19 on military bases
1244	Boebert	Prohibited funding for pornographic and radical gender ideology books at DoDEA schools
1328	Boebert	Prohibited funds for Pride Month celebrations at DoDEA schools
56	Greene	Prohibited funds for electric vehicles or charging infrastructures
136	Feenstra	Required additional cost analysis of replacing gasoline-powered vehicles with vehicles fueled by a blend of gasoline and ethanol
1325	Boebert	Terminated contracts for electric non-tactical vehicles
241	Davidson	Abolished Selective Service System and a military draft unless Congress declares war or determines that inductions are necessary
180	Banks	Required regulations regarding students using smartphones in schools
461	Aderholt	Stricken section 532 of HR 8070 Draft, Gaetz measure waiving restrictions on new recruits testing positive for cannabis
1273	Ryan	Required report on the role of antisemitism in violent extremist movements, including Islamist extremism and racially/ethnically motivated violent extremism
716	Sessions	Stricken HR 8070 Section 532 (Gaetz) re cannabis waiver procedures

Negative Proposals Not Passed

Preliminary No.	Primary Sponsor	Topic – These proposed amendments would have:
948	Chavez-Deremer	Established elaborate “Tiger Teams” to seek, find, and change the records of persons who received a less than Honorable Discharge for UCMJ offenses, in addition to violations of Sec. 654, Title 10, the 1993 law regarding gays in the military. (Absent UCMJ offenses, most discharges were honorable.)

14	Jacobs	Established standards for eligibility for service shall be based only on the ability to meet general or MOS-specific standards, and may not include criteria relating to . . . sex (including gender identity [and] sexual orientation . . .”
218	Brown/OH	Would have stricken Banks’ HR 8070 Sec. 573, which would prohibit DEI policy bodies and activities for DoDEA schools
636	Tokuda	Would have stricken Banks’ HR 8070 Sec. 572 provision, approved on voice vote, to establish DoDEA school choice program in Bahrain
734	Schneider	Implemented recommendations of the DoD Institute for Defense Analyses (IDA) on “Extremist Activity” in the military, even though the IDA report, belatedly released in December 2023, found “ <i>no evidence that the number of violent extremists in the military is disproportionate to the number of extremists in the US as a whole</i> ”
252	Sherrill	Directed Defense Secretary to provide to servicemembers information on reproductive health care, including abortion, and how to request leave and travel costs to obtain abortions across state lines
250	Sherrill	Ordered training for military physicians on obligations to provide “reproductive health care,” including abortion, contraceptive, and fertility care
249	Sherrill	Provided emergency medical treatment to “pregnant individuals” at a military treatment facility
229	Sherrill	Required provision of time off and reimbursement of expenses for seeking abortions elsewhere if not available locally, without disclosure to commanding officers
1294	Sherrill	Repealed all restrictions on abortions
872	Joyce	Allowed waivers for potential enlistees testing positive for cannabis
19	Garcia	Prohibited funds to deny security clearances for marijuana usage

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