

1 (3) The estimated time required to implement
2 such a process, including time for the Secretary of
3 Defense to develop guidance regarding such a proc-
4 ess.

5 (4) The possible benefits of working with local
6 educational agencies to ensure that impact aid
7 source check forms are submitted appropriately to
8 enable such certification.

9 **SEC. 579E. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON RIGHTS OF PARENTS**
10 **OF CHILDREN ATTENDING SCHOOLS OPER-**
11 **ATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**
12 **EDUCATION ACTIVITY.**

13 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
14 gress that the parent of a child who attends a school oper-
15 ated by the Department of Defense Education Activity has
16 parental rights as previously established by the Activity,
17 including the following:

18 (1) The right to information about the cur-
19 riculum and instructional materials of the school.

20 (2) The right to be informed if the school or
21 Department of Defense Education Activity alters the
22 school's academic standards or learning benchmarks.

23 (3) The right to meet with each teacher of their
24 child not less than twice during each school year, in-

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1 including meetings in the form of parent-teacher con-
2 ferences.

3 (4) The right to information about the budget
4 of the school.

5 (5) The right to request information regarding
6 the professional qualifications of their child's class-
7 room teacher.

8 (6) The right to address the school advisory
9 committee or the school board.

10 (7) The right to information about the school's
11 discipline policy, including policies related to re-
12 sponding to any violent activity in the school.

13 (8) The right to information about any plans to
14 eliminate gifted and talented programs or acceler-
15 ated coursework at the school.

16 (9) The right to be informed of the results of
17 environmental testing and safety at school facilities.

18 (b) REPORT.—Not later than six months after the
19 date of the enactment of this Act and consistent with the
20 parental rights specified in subsection (a), the Director of
21 the Department of Defense Education Activity shall sub-
22 mit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate
23 and the House of Representatives a report on the parental
24 rights specified in such subsection. The report shall in-

1 clude, with respect to the schools operated by the Depart-
2 ment of Defense Education Activity, an explanation of—

3 (1) how and where a parent may access infor-
4 mation about their rights;

5 (2) the accessibility of that information;

6 (3) how such schools inform parents of their
7 rights and the means to access such rights; and

8 (4) the uniformity of parental rights across
9 such schools.

10 (c) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “school
11 operated by the Department of Defense Education Activ-
12 ity” means—

13 (1) a Department of Defense domestic depend-
14 ent elementary or secondary school, as described in
15 section 2164 of title 10, United States Code; or

16 (2) any other elementary or secondary school or
17 program for dependents operated by the Department
18 of Defense Education Activity.