

**NDAA INCLUSION RE ACADEMY BOARDS OF VISITORS
PROPOSED BY STARRS, MS, CTG**

Repeal 8468, 9455, 7455 of Title 10.

New Section under Title 10, Board of Visitors for Each Military Service Academy

- (a) A Board of Visitors shall be established at the United States Air Force Academy, the United States Military Academy and the United States Naval Academy;
- (b) Composition of each Board -
 - (1) The Chairman of the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate, or their designee;
 - (2) 3 other members on each Board designated by the Majority Leader of the Senate, 3 members on each Board designated by the Minority Leader of the Senate, at least 1 designee on each Board from each appointer being a member of the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate;
 - (3) the chairman of the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives, or their designee; and
 - (4) 4 other members on each Board designated by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and 3 members on each Board designated by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, at least 1 designee on each Board from each appointer being a member of the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.
- (c)(1) The persons designated serve for three years each except that any member whose term of office has expired shall continue to serve until their successor is designated by the official who designated the member whose term of office has expired. No person may serve on the Board or on any committee or subcommittee of the Board who has not been designated a member of the Board as stated herein.
- (2) At least one of the members of each Board designated by each appointer shall be graduates of the such Academy.
- (d)(1) If a member of the Board dies or resigns or is terminated as a member of the Board under paragraph (2), a successor shall be designated for the unexpired portion of the term by the official who designated the member.
- (2)(A) If a member of the Board fails to attend two successive Board meetings, except in a case in which an absence is approved in advance, for good cause, by the Board chairman, such failure shall be grounds for termination from membership on the Board. A person designated for membership on the Board shall be provided notice of the provisions of this paragraph at the time of such designation.
- (B) Termination of membership on the Board under subparagraph (A)-
 - (i) in the case of a member of the Board who is not a member of Congress, may be made by the Board chairman; and
 - (ii) in the case of a member of the Board who is a member of Congress, may be made only by the official who designated the member.
- (C) When a member of the Board is subject to termination from membership on the Board under subparagraph (A), the Board chairman shall notify the official who designated the member. Upon receipt of such a notification with respect to a member of the Board who is a member of Congress, the official who designated the member shall take such action as that official considers appropriate.
- (e) Each Board shall visit such Academy at least annually. With the coordination of such Secretary, the Board or its members may make other visits to the Academy in connection with the duties of the Board or to consult with the Superintendent of the Academy. Board members shall have access to the Academy grounds and the cadets/midshipmen, faculty, staff, and other personnel of such Academy for the purposes of the duties of the Board, and shall be allowed to inspect and copy all documents and records that relate to their duties.
- (f)(1) The Board shall inquire and make recommendations regarding morale; discipline; admission policies, procedures and standards; social climate; curriculum; instruction; instructor military/civilian

composition and qualifications; physical equipment; fiscal affairs; academic methods; and other matters relating to such Academy. A paramount concern for the Board shall be to determine if the environment and conditions at each Academy are conducive to producing exceptional career officers for their respective services, whose fidelity to the Constitution is paramount and who exemplify the very best qualities of the warrior - courage, duty, commitment, leadership, character.

(i) Notwithstanding any provision of law other than 10 USC & 1009(a)-(d), each Board shall determine its own agenda, process, procedures, and proceedings under the direction of the Chairman of the Board as approved by a majority of the members of the Board. The Chairman shall be elected by the Board and shall serve a one-year term. The Board will comply with 10 USC & 1009(a)-(d). Members of the public may attend and speak at meetings of the Board, and public comments will be maintained as a public record of Board meetings.

(ii) The Superintendent of such Academy shall facilitate, cooperate, and support the members of the Board by providing logistical and administrative support to the members of the Board, individually and collectively. Members of the Board shall be provided reasonable access to all facets of academy operations, curriculum, and programs, including students, faculty, administrators, and other employees.

(2) The Secretary and the Superintendent of such Academy shall provide the Board candid and complete disclosure, consistent with applicable laws concerning disclosure of information, with respect to institutional matters.

(3) The Board shall recommend appropriate action.

(g) The Board shall prepare a semiannual report, and any minority report by any member, containing views and recommendations pertaining to the Academy, based on its meeting since the last such report and any other considerations determined to be relevant. Each majority report, and any minority reports, shall be submitted concurrently to the public, the Secretary of Defense, through such Secretary, and to the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate and the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives.

(h) The Board may call in advisers for consultation.

(i) While performing duties as a member of a Board, each member of the Board and each adviser shall be reimbursed under Government travel regulations for travel expenses.

(j)(1) A majority of the members of each Board may call an official meeting of the Board once per year.

(2) A member may attend such meeting-

(A) in person, at the Academy; or

(B) remotely, at the election of such member.

(k) The Board may not be suspended or terminated without authorization by Congress.