

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 5987

To amend title 10, United States Code, to ensure equitable access to Department of Defense Education Activity schools for dependents of certain members of the reserve components performing active service.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 7, 2025

Mr. VINDMAN (for himself and Mr. BACON) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Total Force Family
5 Education Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ENSURING ACCESS TO DODEA SCHOOLS FOR CER-**
2 **TAIN MEMBERS OF THE RESERVE COMPO-**
3 **NENTS.**

4 Section 2164 of title 10, United States Code, is
5 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
6 section:

7 “(n) **ELIGIBILITY OF DEPENDENTS OF CERTAIN**
8 **MEMBERS OF THE RESERVE COMPONENTS.**—(1) A de-
9 pendent of a member described in paragraph (2) shall be
10 eligible to attend a school established under this section
11 at the military installation that is the permanent station
12 of such member and such dependent shall automatically
13 be granted enrollment at such school at the request of
14 such member if there is sufficient space in the school to
15 accommodate the dependent. In the event there is not suf-
16 ficient space available at such school at the time the de-
17 pendent seeks to enroll, the dependent shall be placed on
18 a wait-list for enrollment in the school.

19 “(2) A member described in this paragraph is a mem-
20 ber—

21 “(A) of a reserve component;

22 “(B) performing active service; and

23 “(C) pursuant to an order for accompanied per-
24 manent change of station.”.

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