

Amendment to H.R. 4909 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017

Offered by Mr. Veasey of Texas

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 4909, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

DACA Impact on Military Officer Diversity

The Committee is concerned with the lack of diversity within commissioned officers and believes an evaluation of how recent Executive Actions regarding Deferred Action and prosecutorial discretion for undocumented immigrant currently residing the U.S. may impact the ability of the Department of Defense to expand the eligible applicants for military service academy admission. Therefore, the Committee directs the Secretary of Defense to evaluate whether allowing those non-citizens who possess an employment authorization document issued by United States Citizenship and Immigration Services under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals policy of the Department of Homeland Security and who otherwise satisfies the requirements for admission to a military service academy, other than U.S. citizenship, to be appointed to and to attend such academy and, upon graduation, to be appointed as a commissioned officer in the Armed Forces, would ultimately impact the diversity of ranking officers within the armed services. The Secretary of Defense shall provide the results of the evaluation in a briefing to the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives no later than December 1, 2016.