

“(7) any other matters the Secretary of Defense determines relevant.

“(b) NOTIFICATION REQUIRED.—Except as provided in subsection (d), not later than 15 days before making any reduction in the number of special operations forces by more than 1,000 personnel and prior to implementing or announcing such reduction, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees written notification of the decision to make such reduction.

“(c) CONTENTS OF NOTIFICATION.—A notification required under subsection (b) shall include—

“(1) details of the planned changes to force structure and personnel requirements and a justification for the planned changes, including—

“(A) which units or occupational skills are planned to be reduced or reallocated; and

“(B) to which units or capabilities the force structure is planned to be transferred or reallocated;

“(2) an accounting of the personnel planned to be transferred under the force structure change, including which units such personnel are planned to be transferred to and from;

“(3) an analysis of the expected implications of the planned change on the ability of the Department of Defense to carry out operational and campaign plans of combatant commanders, support the Joint Concept for Competing, and meet the goals of the most recent national defense strategy under section 113(g) of title 10, United States Code; and

“(4) any other matters the Secretary of Defense determines relevant.

“(d) EXCEPTION.—The notification requirement under subsection (b) shall not apply with respect to a reduction in the number of special operations forces if the Secretary of Defense submits to the congressional defense committees certification that such reduction needs to be implemented expeditiously for reasons of military urgency.

“(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

“(1) The term ‘special operations forces’ means the forces described in section 167(j) of title 10, United States Code.

“(2) The term ‘force structure’, when used with respect to an organization, means—

“(A) the mission of the organization;

“(B) the personnel required to operate the organization; and

“(C) the equipment required to execute the mission of the organization.”

#### NOTIFICATION OF NECESSARY ASSESSMENTS OR STUDIES

Pub. L. 113-66, div. A, title X, §1074(b), Dec. 26, 2013, 127 Stat. 870, provided that: “The Secretary of the Army, when making a congressional notification in accordance with section 993 of title 10, United States Code, shall include the Secretary’s assessment of whether or not the changes covered by the notification require an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), and, if an assessment or study is required, the plan for conducting such assessment or study.”

#### § 994. Military working dogs: veterinary care for retired military working dogs

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense may establish and maintain a system to provide for the veterinary care of retired military working dogs. No funds may be provided by the Federal Government for this purpose.

(b) ELIGIBLE DOGS.—A retired military working dog eligible for veterinary care under this section is any military working dog adopted under section 2583 of this title.

(c) STANDARDS OF CARE.—The veterinary care provided under the system authorized by this

section shall meet such standards as the Secretary shall establish and from time to time update.

(Added Pub. L. 112-239, div. A, title III, §371(b)(1), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 1706.)

#### § 995. Accountability for contractors using military working dogs

(a) ANNUAL REPORTING REQUIREMENT FOR CONTRACTORS.—Each covered contract shall specify that the contractor is required to submit to the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), on an annual basis for the duration of the covered contract, a report containing an identification of—

(1) the number of military working dogs that are in the possession of the covered contractor and located outside of the continental United States in support of a military operation, if any; and

(2) the primary location of any such military working dogs.

(b) COVERED CONTRACT DEFINED.—In this section the term “covered contract” means a contract that the Secretary of Defense determines involves military working dogs.

(Added Pub. L. 117-263, div. A, title III, §382(a), Dec. 23, 2022, 136 Stat. 2543.)

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 117-263, div. A, title III, §382(b), Dec. 23, 2022, 136 Stat. 2543, provided that: “Section 995 of title 10, United States Code, as added by subsection (a), shall apply with respect to a contract entered into on or after the date of the enactment of this Act [Dec. 23, 2022].”

##### DEADLINE FOR GUIDANCE

Pub. L. 117-263, div. A, title III, §382(d), Dec. 23, 2022, 136 Stat. 2543, provided that: “Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act [Dec. 23, 2022], the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) shall issue the guidance on the annual reporting requirement under section 995 of title 10, United States Code, as added by subsection (a).”

#### CHAPTER 51—RESERVE COMPONENTS: STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES FOR RETENTION AND PROMOTION

Sec.

1001. Reference to chapter 1219.

#### Editorial Notes

##### AMENDMENTS

1994—Pub. L. 103-337, div. A, title XVI, §1662(h)(5), Oct. 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 2997, added item 1001 and struck out former items 1001 to 1007.

1960—Pub. L. 86-559, §1(3)(C), June 30, 1960, 74 Stat. 265, inserted “or serving as United States property and fiscal officers” in item 1007.

1958—Pub. L. 85-861, §1(23), Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1445, added items 1002, 1005, 1006, and 1007.

#### § 1001. Reference to chapter 1219

Provisions of law relating to standards and procedures for retention and promotion of members of reserve components are set forth in chapter 1219 of this title (beginning with section 12641).