

1 **SEC. 563. SUPPORT FOR MILITARY FAMILIES WITH SPECIAL**
2 **NEEDS.**

3 (a) OFFICE OF COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR MILITARY
4 FAMILIES WITH SPECIAL NEEDS.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter I of chapter 88
6 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by in-
7 serting after section 1781b the following new sec-
8 tion:

9 **“§ 1781c. Office of Community Support for Military**
10 **Families With Special Needs**

11 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is in the Office of the
12 Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness
13 the Office of Community Support for Military Families
14 With Special Needs (in this section referred to as the ‘Of-
15 fice’).

16 “(b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the Office is to en-
17 hance and improve Department of Defense support
18 around the world for military families with special needs
19 (whether medical or educational needs) through the devel-
20 opment of appropriate policies, enhancement and dissemi-
21 nation of appropriate information throughout the Depart-
22 ment of Defense, support for such families in obtaining
23 referrals for services and in obtaining service, and over-
24 sight of the activities of the military departments in sup-
25 port of such families.

1 “(e) DIRECTOR.—(1) The head of the Office shall be
2 the Director of the Office of Community Support for Mili-
3 tary Families With Special Needs, who shall be appointed
4 by the Secretary of Defense from among civilian employ-
5 ees of the Department of Defense who are members of
6 the Senior Executive Service or members of the armed
7 forces in a general or flag grade.

8 “(2) The Director shall be subject to the supervision,
9 direction, and control of the Under Secretary of Defense
10 for Personnel and Readiness in the discharge of the re-
11 sponsibilities of the Office, and shall report directly to the
12 Under Secretary regarding the discharge of such respon-
13 sibilities.

14 “(d) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Office shall have the
15 responsibilities as follows:

16 “(1) To develop and implement a comprehen-
17 sive policy on support for military families with spe-
18 cial needs as required by subsection (e).

19 “(2) To establish and oversee the programs re-
20 quired by subsection (f).

21 “(3) To identify gaps in services available
22 through the Department of Defense for military
23 families with special needs.

24 “(4) To develop plans to address gaps identified
25 under paragraph (3) through appropriate mecha-

1 nisms, such as enhancing resources and training and
2 ensuring the provision of special assistance to mili-
3 tary families with special needs and military parents
4 of individuals with special needs (including through
5 the provision of training and seminars to members
6 of the armed forces).

7 “(5) To monitor the programs of the military
8 departments for the assignment of members of the
9 armed forces who are members of military families
10 with special needs, and the programs for the support
11 of such military families, and to advise the Secretary
12 of Defense on the adequacy of such programs in
13 conjunction with the preparation of future-years de-
14 fense programs and other budgeting and planning
15 activities of the Department of Defense.

16 “(6) To monitor the availability and accessi-
17 bility of programs provided by other Federal, State,
18 local, and non-governmental agencies to military
19 families with special needs.

20 “(7) To carry out such other matters with re-
21 spect to the programs and activities of the Depart-
22 ment of Defense regarding military families with
23 special needs as the Under Secretary of Defense for
24 Personnel and Readiness shall specify.

1 “(e) POLICY.—(1) The Office shall develop, and up-
2 date from time to time, a uniform policy for the Depart-
3 ment of Defense regarding military families with special
4 needs. The policy shall apply with respect to members of
5 the armed forces without regard to their location, whether
6 within or outside the continental United States.

7 “(2) The policy developed under this subsection shall
8 include elements regarding the following:

9 “(A) The assignment of members of the armed
10 forces who are members of military families with
11 special needs.

12 “(B) Support for military families with special
13 needs.

14 “(3) In addressing the assignment of members of the
15 armed forces under paragraph (2)(A), the policy developed
16 under this subsection shall, in a manner consistent with
17 the needs of the armed forces and responsive to the career
18 development of members of the armed forces on active
19 duty, provide for such members each of the following:

20 “(A) Assignment to locations where care and
21 support for family members with special needs are
22 available.

23 “(B) Stabilization of assignment for a min-
24 imum of 4 years.

1 “(4) In addressing support for military families
2 under paragraph (2)(B), the policy developed under this
3 subsection shall provide the following:

4 “(A) Procedures to identify members of the
5 armed forces who are members of military families
6 with special needs.

7 “(B) Mechanisms to ensure timely and accurate
8 evaluations of members of such families who have
9 special needs.

10 “(C) Procedures to facilitate the enrollment of
11 such members of the armed forces and their families
12 in programs of the military department for the sup-
13 port of military families with special needs.

14 “(D) Procedures to ensure the coordination of
15 Department of Defense health care programs and
16 support programs for military families with special
17 needs, and the coordination of such programs with
18 other Federal, State, local, and non-governmental
19 health care programs and support programs in-
20 tended to serve such families.

21 “(E) Requirements for resources (including
22 staffing) to ensure the availability through the De-
23 partment of Defense of appropriate numbers of case
24 managers to provide individualized support for mili-
25 tary families with special needs.

1 “(F) Requirements regarding the development
2 and continuous updating of an individualized serv-
3 ices plan (medical and educational) for each military
4 family with special needs.

5 “(G) Requirements for record keeping, report-
6 ing, and continuous monitoring of available re-
7 sources and family needs under individualized serv-
8 ices support plans for military families with special
9 needs, including the establishment and maintenance
10 of a central or various regional databases for such
11 purposes.

12 “(f) PROGRAMS.—(1) The Office shall establish,
13 maintain, and oversee a program to provide information
14 and referral services on special needs matters to military
15 families with special needs on a continuous basis regard-
16 less of the location of the member’s assignment. The pro-
17 gram shall provide for timely access by members of such
18 military families to individual case managers and coun-
19 selors on matters relating to special needs.

20 “(2) The Office shall establish, maintain, and oversee
21 a program of outreach on special needs matters for mili-
22 tary families with special needs. The program shall—

23 “(A) assist military families in identifying
24 whether or not they have a member with special
25 needs; and

1 “(B) provide military families with special
2 needs with information on the services, support, and
3 assistance available through the Department of De-
4 fense regarding such members with special needs, in-
5 cluding information on enrollment in programs of
6 the military departments for such services, support,
7 and assistance.

8 “(3)(A) The Office shall provide support to the Sec-
9 retary of each military department in the establishment
10 and sustainment by such Secretary of a program for the
11 support of military families with special needs under the
12 jurisdiction of such Secretary. Each program shall be con-
13 sistent with the policy developed by the Office under sub-
14 section (e).

15 “(B) Each program under this paragraph shall pro-
16 vide for appropriate numbers of case managers for the de-
17 velopment and oversight of individualized services plans
18 for educational and medical support for military families
19 with special needs.

20 “(C) Services under a program under this paragraph
21 may be provided by contract or other arrangements with
22 non-Department of Defense entities qualified to provide
23 such services.

24 “(g) RESOURCES.—The Secretary of Defense shall
25 assign to the Office such resources, including personnel,

1 as the Secretary considers necessary for the discharge of
2 the responsibilities of the Office, including a sufficient
3 number of members of the armed forces to ensure appro-
4 priate representation by the military departments in the
5 personnel of the Office.

6 “(h) REPORTS.—(1) Not later than 180 days after
7 the date of the enactment of the National Defense Author-
8 ization Act for Fiscal Year 2010, and annually thereafter,
9 the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional
10 defense committees a report on the activities of the Office.

11 “(2) Each report under this subsection shall include
12 the following:

13 “(A) A description of any gaps in services avail-
14 able through the Department of Defense for military
15 families with special needs that were identified under
16 subsection (d)(3).

17 “(B) A description of the actions being taken,
18 or planned, to address such gaps, including any
19 plans developed under subsection (d)(4).

20 “(C) Such recommendations for legislative ac-
21 tion as the Secretary considers appropriate to pro-
22 vide for the continuous improvement of support and
23 services for military families with special needs.

24 “(i) MILITARY FAMILY WITH SPECIAL NEEDS.—For
25 purposes of this section, a military family with special

1 needs is any military family with one or more members
2 who has a medical or educational special need (as defined
3 by the Secretary in regulations for purposes of this sec-
4 tion), including a condition covered by the Extended
5 Health Care Option Program under section 1079f of this
6 title.”.

7 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
8 tions at the beginning of subchapter I of chapter 88
9 of such title is amended by inserting after the item
10 relating to section 1781b the following new item:

“1781c. Office of Community Support for Military Families With Special
Needs.”.

11 (3) REPEAL OF SUPERSEDED AUTHORITY.—
12 Section 587 of the National Defense Authorization
13 Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Public Law 110–181; 122
14 Stat. 133; 10 U.S.C. 1781 note) is repealed.

15 (b) FOUNDATION FOR SUPPORT OF MILITARY FAMI-
16 LIES WITH SPECIAL NEEDS.—

17 (1) ESTABLISHMENT AUTHORIZED.—The Sec-
18 retary of Defense may establish a foundation for the
19 provision of assistance to the Department of Defense
20 in providing support to military families with special
21 needs.

22 (2) PURPOSES.—The purposes of the founda-
23 tion shall be to assist the Department of Defense as
24 follows:

1 family with special needs” has the meaning given
2 such term in section 1781c(i) of title 10, United
3 States Code (as added by subsection (a)).

4 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—In addi-
5 tion to any other amounts authorized to be appropriated
6 for the Department of Defense for fiscal year 2010 for
7 support of military families with special needs, there is
8 hereby authorized to be appropriated to the Department
9 of Defense for fiscal year 2010 for military personnel,
10 \$50,000,000 for purposes of carrying out this section and
11 the amendments made by this section. Of such amount,
12 not less than \$40,000,000 shall be allocated to the mili-
13 tary departments for the execution of programs and activi-
14 ties in carrying out this section and the amendments made
15 by this section in fiscal year 2010.

16 **SEC. 564. PILOT PROGRAM TO SECURE INTERNSHIPS FOR**
17 **MILITARY SPOUSES WITH FEDERAL AGEN-**
18 **CIES.**

19 (a) COST-REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENTS WITH
20 FEDERAL AGENCIES.—The Secretary of Defense may
21 enter into an agreement with the head of an executive de-
22 partment or agency that has an established internship pro-
23 gram to reimburse the department or agency for author-
24 ized costs associated with the first year of employment of