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117TH CONGRESS  
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To amend title 10, United States Code, to establish the Exceptional Family Member Program Advisory Council of the Department of Defense.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**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. ESTABLISHMENT OF EXCEPTIONAL FAMILY**  
4 **MEMBER PROGRAM ADVISORY COUNCIL.**

5 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Chapter 7 of title 10, United  
6 States Code, is amended by inserting before section 187  
7 the following new section 186:

1 **“§ 186. Exceptional Family Member Program Advi-**  
2 **sory Council**

3 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is an Exceptional  
4 Family Member Program Advisory Council in the Depart-  
5 ment of Defense (in this section referred to as the ‘Coun-  
6 cil’).

7 “(b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the Council is to  
8 provide, to the Subcommittees on Military Personnel of  
9 the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and  
10 House of Representatives, the Secretary of Defense, and  
11 the chiefs of the covered armed forces, recommendations  
12 regarding how to improve the Exceptional Family Member  
13 Program. The Council shall provide such recommenda-  
14 tions not less than once every six months.

15 “(c) COMPOSITION.—The Council shall be composed  
16 of the following:

17 “(1) One member of each covered armed  
18 force—

19 “(A) serving on active duty;

20 “(B) who has a dependent—

21 “(i) enrolled in the Exceptional Fam-  
22 ily Member Program; and

23 “(ii) with an individualized education  
24 program; and

25 “(C) appointed by the Vice Chief of Staff  
26 of the covered armed force concerned.

1           “(2) Two military spouses—

2                   “(A) of members eligible to be appointed  
3 under paragraph (1);

4                   “(B) who are not civilian employees of the  
5 Department of Defense;

6                   “(C) one of whom is married to an enlisted  
7 member and one of whom is married to an offi-  
8 cer; and

9                   “(D) appointed by the Vice Chief of Staff  
10 of the covered armed force concerned.

11           “(3) One adult dependent—

12                   “(A) enrolled in the Exceptional Family  
13 Member Program; and

14                   “(B) appointed by the Vice Chief of Staff  
15 of the covered armed force concerned.

16           “(4) One representative of the Exceptional  
17 Family Member Program Coalition.

18           “(5) One member of the Defense Health Agen-  
19 cy.

20           “(6) One member of the Department of De-  
21 fense Education Activity.

22           “(7) One member of the Office of Special  
23 Needs.

24           “(d) APPOINTMENTS.—In making appointments  
25 under subsection (c), the Vice Chief of Staff of the covered

1 armed force concerned shall seek to represent the diversity  
2 of the disability community.

3 “(e) TERMS.—Each member of the Council shall  
4 serve a term of two years, except one of the original mem-  
5 bers appointed under subsection (c)(2), selected by the  
6 Secretary of Defense at the time of appointment, one shall  
7 be appointed for a term of three years.

8 “(f) MEETINGS.—The Council shall meet at least  
9 once every calendar quarter, in person or by teleconfer-  
10 ence.

11 “(g) COVERED ARMED FORCE DEFINED.—In this  
12 section, the term ‘covered armed force’ means an armed  
13 force under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of a military  
14 department.”.

15 (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

16 (1) TABLE OF SECTIONS.—The table of sections  
17 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by in-  
18 serting before the item relating to section 187 the  
19 following new item:

“186. Exceptional Family Member Program Advisory Council.”.

20 (2) TERMINATION OF ADVISORY PANEL ON  
21 COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR MILITARY FAMILIES WITH  
22 SPECIAL NEEDS.—Section 563 of the National De-  
23 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 (Pub-  
24 lic Law 111–84; 10 U.S.C. 1781c note) is amended  
25 by striking subsection (d).